

Sapir sees massive response to appeal

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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TORONTO — A high-powered Israeli delegation headed by Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir flew into Toronto last week on a "secret" visit and in dramatic fashion kicked off the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign.

About 750 invited persons were at the Skyline Hotel's ballroom Thursday to hear speeches from Sapir, Leon Dulzin, acting chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and Lt. Gen. Haim Lescov, a former chief of staff of Israel's armed forces. Security was tight with more than 100 police and other officials involved.

The Israelis flew in from Chicago after completing visits to Miami, New York and Los Angeles. In Toronto, they also spoke to a United Israel Appeal of Canada luncheon and at an evening rally in Montreal.

The Canadian Jewish News is the only media representative present at any of the Sapir functions in Canada, also was able to gain a short interview with the veteran finance minister after he had spoken to Premier Golda

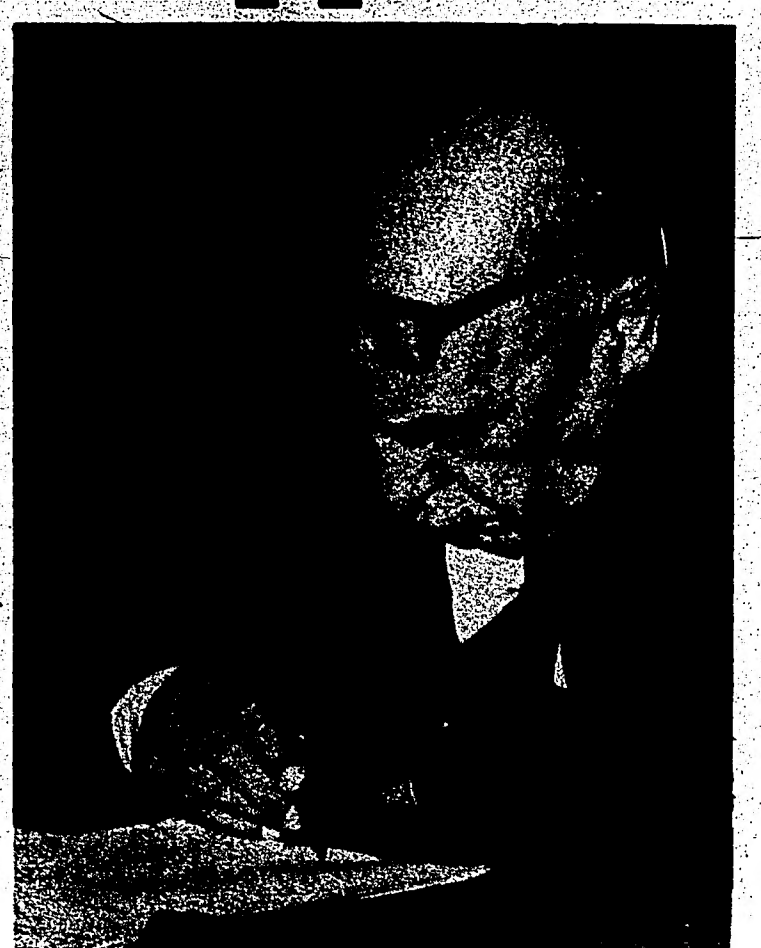
Meir by telephone.

He said he told Mrs. Meir that from what he had experienced here, Canadian Jewry was united in solidarity and support of Israel at this time.

And he expressed satisfaction with the outpouring of Jewish sentiment during his North American visit. Obviously tired from the pace of his gruelling trip, he spoke enthusiastically of the cash response from Toronto Jewry. He refused to answer questions about politics and the possibilities of an all-party unity government. "Who can think of politics at such a time," he said.

The loudest ovation of the four-hour UJA morning session came when Dulzin, a fiery orator, finished his speech with "we're being tested too many times in a short period. You do your job and we'll do ours and together we'll have victory."

In his speech, a subdued Sapir praised the audience coming out on a holiday early in the morning to a hotel outside the city. And he thanked contributors by saying "this will give Israelis more strength when I tell them the story of this morning."



Israel Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir takes note of pledges as the 1974 UJA emergency campaign got underway.

Sapir said Israel was thankful to the Canadian government for its statement on the war and "thankful to your neighbor that gives us the opportunity to replace weapons."

And he confessed to his audience, "it is hard to handle economic business when soldiers are dying but we have no choice... But to collapse in the economic field would bring about the same results as if we lost on the Suez front."

Dulzin, in his speech, said a world-wide goal of \$750 million has been set to replace material losses. The U.S. objective is \$450 and Canada's is \$60 million. The cost of one-hour's shooting in this war is more than the cost of the entire Six Day War in 1967, he declared.

Lt. Gen. Lescov briefed the audience on military developments in the Yom Kippur War.

"You still have a lot to do," he warned them. "We may have to suffer additional casualties and losses, but we'll make the enemy pay dearly for it and, in the end, we'll deal them a deadly blow."

And he warned that the war is likely to be a protracted affair. "We'll have to hit them and hit them again and

Campaign is advanced because of war emergency

TORONTO — The Toronto Jewish community is translating its love and concern for Israel into massive support for the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign, which opened last week — 10 weeks ahead of schedule.

The campaign for \$20 million opened officially at a meeting — attended by over 1,000 — at the Skyline Hotel. Principal speakers were Israel's Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir; Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency; and Lt. Gen. Haim Lescov, former chief of staff of Israel's defence forces.

Campaign chairman Murray B. Koffler paid tribute to "this fantastic community of Toronto" which, he said, responded magnificently to the exceptional task of paying up past pledges in a cash collection campaign launched immediately after Yom Kippur.

(No official figures were available but it is believed \$10 million was pledged at this meeting.)

Because of Israel's desperate need for funds, "it is essential now to move in for new money and we are launching immediately the 1974 emergency campaign," Koffler said. He emphasized that this replaces the regular 1074 drive. Pledges are acceptable, he continued, although cash is preferred. Pledges will be banked so cash is available at once for Israel.

Koffler said the campaign was to be completed within the next two weeks. He asked all campaign workers to call divisional and group meetings immediately at which contributions are to be announced. He noted that many people are taking time off from work to devote to the campaign and urged that this practice be continued until the appeal is over.

Response has been instant and from Oct. 21 on, there has been a continual succession of meetings of all divisions.

Synagogues launched their campaigns with appeals for support on Shemini Atzereth and at the Sabbath services. Landmanshaftens and societies were notified by telegram that the campaign was on

and quickly swung into action.

The State of Israel Bonds campaign now underway will continue all its planned activities and the United Jewish Appeal hopes to complete its emergency drive within four weeks.

In normal times, Israel Bonds and the UJA conduct separate campaigns, each in a "clearly defined period. Leaders of both organizations, in a joint statement, urged the Toronto Jewish

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IT WAS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Officials estimated 12,000 persons turned out for the annual Simchat Torah rally at Nathan Phillips Square last weekend. A torchlight march from Queen's Park took place to City Hall. Among the marchers were Canadian Zionist Federation president, Phil Givens (with walking stick), Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut (beside Givens) and Mrs. Plaut (centre, wearing overcoat). See stories on Page 9. (Steven Hershenshorn photo)

Crisis brings record Bonds sales

TORONTO — Continuing the huge outpouring of support for Israel which began with the High Holy Day Appeals for Israel Bonds in 47 Toronto congregations, this community has again demonstrated its unswerving solidarity with the people of Israel in a time of crisis. Intensified activity took place in all sectors of organized community life, spurred on by the example of Emergency Bond Campaign chairman, George A. Cohon, who held a

second parlor meeting in his home which produced \$3.5 million in Bond purchases. This is the largest amount ever raised for Israel Bonds in Canada at one time.

As a result of a meeting which Cohon held with top officers of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the bank speedily approved the loan of \$1 million to the state of Israel through Israel Bonds. In noting this was the largest purchase ever made by a Canadian bank, Cohon said he was "extremely

pleased and gratified at the prompt and positive response on Israel's behalf." Negotiations are presently being undertaken with other Canadian banks for similar loans.

An unprecedented number of men, women and children have been crowding into the Bond offices at all hours of the day and night with cash and cheques for Bonds, officials report. This has been augmented significantly by private meetings held by professional and business

groups — lawyers, accountants, dentists, women's apparel industry spearheaded by James Kay and Wilfred Posluns of Dylex; B'nai B'rith lodges, Landsmanshaftens, women's organizations, and trade unions.

In the synagogues, the special Yiskor Appeals held on Shemini Atzereth produced additional Bond commitments along with cash and pledges collected daily at

many synagogue collection stations set up at the beginning of the emergency.

Following the directive of Israel's Finance Minister, Pinchas Sapir, as cabled early this week to General Chairman Donald Lipman of the Toronto Bond Drive, Israel Bond funds are now responsible for Israel's entire development budget of \$642 million.



Toronto Board leaders met Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban (right) in New York City last week for a private briefing. From left are Ben A. Himel, George A. Cohon, emergency campaign chairman and Allan Bronfman, president, State of Israel Bonds, Canada.

What is next? Israelis wonder

By ARTHUR GARMAISE
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Towering Mt. Hermon in the Golan Heights is back in Israeli hands, and hours later we heard about the ceasefire. The recapture of Mt. Hermon beat the ceasefire but the cost in lives of scaling rock walls and slopes in the face of Syrian fire was heavy.

The feeling about the ceasefire is one of relief mixed with some reservations. Does it mean something positive, or is it just a temporary halt in the bloodletting? No one is cheering yet, for the Israelis have learned to be skeptical about Arab observance of ceasefire agreements.

After all, there was a ceasefire in effect on that bright, hot Yom Kippur day three weeks ago — it seems like three years — and we are still counting the cost in the loss of our youth, in the wounded who fill our hospitals.

Whatever happens, the morale of the Israelis will continue high. They grieve over their dead, over the shattered bodies of the maimed, but they will continue to face whatever the future holds without shrinking from sacrifice.

The guns are still firing, men of both sides are still dying, but at this point in time there are signs that the ceasefire will be observed, though not without sporadic outbursts.

Psychiatric clinics have been set up to treat those suffering shock or depression. The clinics received more than 200 calls, all from volunteers. So far, there have been no patients. Perhaps this will change when the inevitable reaction sets in. It is hard to say.

Long fight is still ahead

By ELAINE KAHN
TORONTO — No one knows what will happen in the Middle East after the ceasefire, but Israel still has a long fight ahead of her, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut told The Canadian Jewish News Monday night.

Rabbi Plaut, chairman, Canada-Israel Committee, Central Region was interviewed after the 18th annual Brotherhood dinner of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Toronto at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Shmuel Ovnat, Israeli consul-general in Toronto, who, along with the rabbi, spoke at the men-only dinner, agreed that "from here to peace is a long way."

"We have been at this juncture before," Ovnat said. "Let's look on it with reality."

He said the brotherhood and Jews around the world

were to be thanked for their support and solidarity during the crisis but warned that people could not yet go back to normal routine as if their work was done.

"Be with us — because we still need you," he said.

Rabbi Plaut said future historians, if they are "perceptive", will not judge the war in terms of military power and bravery but will

Outbreak brings halt to Knesset elections

TEL AVIV — The Central Elections Committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn has announced it could not prepare the Knesset elections in time for Oct. 30. The committee explained war made it impossible and noted it would be detrimental to the war effort to have elections in the midst of hostilities even if it were technically possible.

All the parties agree that

elections should be postponed and the major parties decided to set up a committee to prepare special legislation prolonging this parliament.

The one point still under debate is what to write into the law about the date elections will be held. One Labor view is to set a date in mid-December. Another Labor view suggests a formula "one month after the war's end."

Sharp makes strong plea in Commons

OTTAWA — Unless the United States and the Soviet Union use their restraining influence in the Middle East, the prospect for peace is bleak, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp said at a special debate in Parliament last week.

"Otherwise one cannot envisage anything but a continuing conflict with increasing casualties on both sides and with the supplier states finding themselves arraigned in opposite camps as in the worst days of the cold war," he told the Commons in a session lasting over two and a half hours.

(The logic of the government's position, as expounded by Sharp, was subsequently demonstrated when the United States and Russia combined their efforts to end the war with a joint resolution which the United Nations

Security Council endorsed.)

(In a subsequent statement made to the Commons, Sharp said Canada would co-operate on any United Nations truce supervisory force "if we are requested by the parties concerned and if we are satisfied we can play a useful role.")

The debate was called for by the Conservative Party's foreign affairs critic, Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe), who urged the House to reconvene for a special session to discuss the current crisis in the Middle East.

For two weeks community leaders throughout Canada have been pressing their government representatives for special discussion on the question, so that Canada would join other world governments in demanding a just conclusion to the war.

Sharp began the major debate in the Commons by reading the 1967 Resolution 243 into the record, a resolution which calls for a peace settlement based on secure and recognized boundaries.

"Canadian policy begins from the premise that the state of Israel has a right to exist just like any other state in the world, and the right to exist behind secure and recognized boundaries," he said.

At the outset of his address, the minister said he believed he spoke for all members of the House when he said his government deplored the attack launched by the Egyptian and Syrian forces. The truce had been "violently broken," Sharp told the House and the crowded public galleries. He still believed that Resolution 242 "constitutes the only suitable and available frame-

work for peace."

The debate prompted law professor Irwin Cotler, an authority on the Middle East, to comment that the government's stance was the most comprehensive and least equivocating to date.

"It was obscure in the past," said Cotler, "but the government has now stated quite firmly that the Arabs started the war, and that the government recognized the need for a peace settlement negotiated directly by the parties concerned."

Claude Wagner told the Commons that in the past "friends of Israel" have counselled the country to take a more conciliatory attitude. "Yet it becomes clear that there are powers that do not want peace in the Middle East and who are determined to stand in its way at

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WORLD NEWS

Too much Israeli optimism

A setback for public information

By A Special Correspondent
JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

In this bitter war, one of the main casualties in the initial Israeli setback in the face of massive Syrian and Egyptian onslaught has been accurate information. There were too many over-optimistic predictions by official spokesmen and analysts and too many over-optimistic reports by mobilized newsmen whose dispatches on the fighting and their broad perspectives of the outcome exceeded what they could reliably have known of the situation in the specific area they were covering.

They referred almost unthinkingly to the 'imminent collapse' and 'crout' of the Arabs, and used other similar terms, when in reality the situation was much more difficult and more stubborn, as the troops in the field, who partly at least, were meant to be encouraged by these reports, knew only too well.

Arab morale, in fact, was much higher simply because the situation was never as bad as the over-optimistic Israeli accounts indicated.

Never in Israel's military history has the maxim been so amply proved that incorrect information is more damaging than the real thing in assessing the truth in a difficult situation.

Only when the position on the ground began to improve appreciably, especially on the northern front, was there a return to compact, low-keyed, but essentially accurate official statements of the position. With dedicated reporters and photographers, Israeli radio and television did a marvellous job in getting the news to the people at home.

But even after developments on the ground began to go much better, there was insufficient control over the reporting of facts, such as aircraft losses, by the Arab forces and sometimes there was no co-ordination between official statements and the reports of radio correspondents.

It was a long road back, however, before Israeli army spokesmen regained their former superb record

of credibility both at home and even among the naturally suspicious correspondents of the world press.

Only when that credibility was seriously jeopardized, was such an imperative factor as the particularly drawn out nature of their struggle admitted, as other more direct elements of the fighting had been admitted.

The task has hardly been made easier by the influx of several hundred newsmen

from all over the world, among them some of the world's top journalists, all of course clamoring to get as close to the fighting as possible.

Compromise attempts to afford them facilities without hampering Israel's operations in the field by arranging bus tours near the

front but beyond the range of enemy fire only added to the general discontent.

Not until the war had been in progress for several days were some of the most important correspondents at least given the opportunity of travelling in their own cars with an Israeli liaison officer to anywhere on the

Golan Heights and into Syria also.

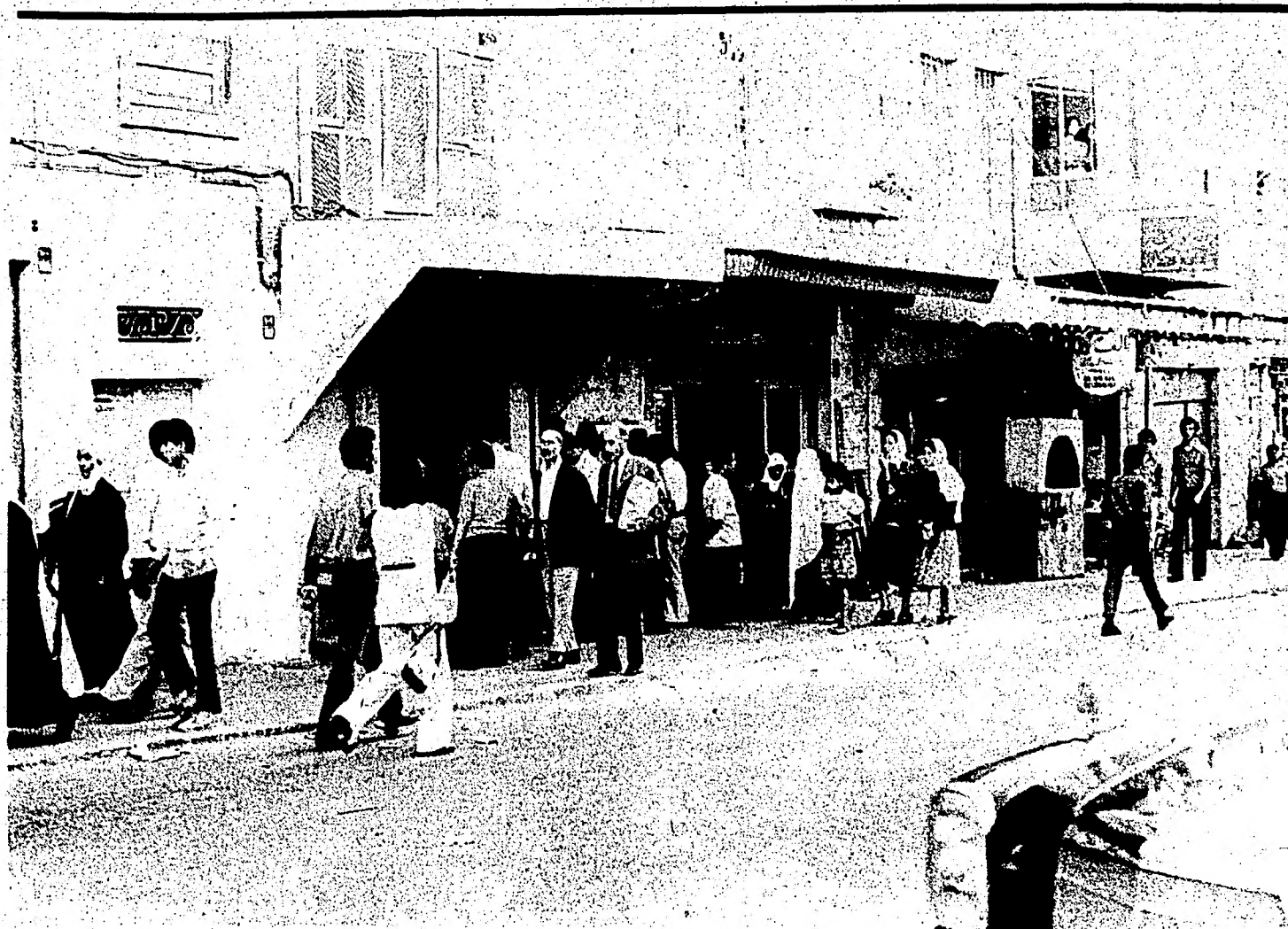
Even then, it was not recognized that this was the best way of getting the Syrian and Egyptian aggression into correct focus. Much of the credit for doing so was due to the bravery and initiative of individual correspondents.

Britain's position 'disgraceful'

LONDON (JCNS) -

A delegation from the Board of Deputies, led by its president, Alderman Sir Samuel Fisher, told the Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home that the British refusal to name and condemn the aggressors in the renewed Arab-Israel war was "disgraceful".

They also protested that the so-called "even-handed" embargo on British arms had the one-sided effect of denying Israel, the victim of an unprovoked aggression, essential spare parts and ammunition for the British-made Centurion tanks which was an "immoral and illegal" breach of contract. The discussion with Sir Alec lasted 45 minutes. All the foreign office would say afterwards was that Sir Alec "took note of what the delegation had to say."



Life went on fairly normally for Arabs in Israel despite the war. Arab morale was high as it became apparent the situation for the Arab countries was not as bad as initially reported by the Israeli press and radio. This was taken in East Jerusalem.

Doctors included among Germans offering Jerusalem military service

BONN (JCNS) -

In the opening stages of the Middle East war, more than 50 Germans volunteered their services to the Israeli army and a number of German doctors also said they

were ready to go to Israel.

This was revealed by the Israeli embassy here which has received many messages of support and encouragement. Jewish organizations

have launched fund raising appeals to which non-Jews have also contributed.

West Germany's official line, as laid down by the Chancellor, Willy Brandt, is that in its approach to the

Middle East conflict, race and nationality were irrelevant. While the lives of the last survivors of the Nazi regime were endangered in Israel, the Federal government also recognized the right of Arab states to their existence and security.

Hostility to Israel came from the extreme Left and the extreme Right, both of which blamed Israel for the outbreak of fighting and, in West Berlin, over 1,000 young Leftists marched through the city in support of the Arabs. But the city's mayor, Klaus Schuetz, told a meeting arranged by the Jewish community that, when Israel and the Jewish people were in danger, the German people were called upon to come out in support of the Jews.

In East Germany, as was to be expected, expressions of support for the Arabs were total and the Israelis were condemned as "aggressors". There were reports that the government was sending pilots and specialists in anti-aircraft defence to Syria, as well as various items of military equipment.



During war time, both soldiers and civilians thirst for news from the battle fronts. Here, soldiers take a break from their duty and catch up with all the news. (IPPA)

Scene of '67 war recreated

By CHARLES HYAMS
CJN Britain Correspondent

LONDON -

It's been like June, 1967, here for the past couple of weeks, with hundreds of people volunteering their services for civilian duties in Israel. Thousands of demonstrators showing solidarity with Israel and millions of pounds being sought by the Joint Israel Appeal.

And yet there has been something missing. Those traumatic few days just before and just after the start of the last war produced an atmosphere throughout the whole Jewish world which has not quite been recaptured this time. And the irony is that Israel's losses in terms of men and equipment are far higher this time. Perhaps it is because last time everyone felt there was a real possibility of Israel losing and this time the only doubt was when Israel would actually deal the hammer blow.

Anglo-Jewry's reaction to the news that war had broken out came swiftly and dramatically. In common with Jews in Israel itself and

throughout the world, the first rumors began to circulate in the crowded synagogues as worshippers who had popped home for a brief rest during the day of prayer returned whispering to their neighbors what they had heard on their radios. In my synagogue, the rabbi overheard snatches of conversation and urgently sought confirmation. He then changed

the sermon he had planned and gave an impromptu address on the tragic situation. This was followed by a special prayer.

Within an hour of the end of the Yom Kippur fast, the Israeli embassy and Rex House (headquarters of the Jewish Agency and the major Zionist organizations) were receiving telephone calls as well as personal calls from volunteers.

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Financial 'stretching of law' is to be terminated by board

(Second of Three Articles)

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

According to Therese Baron, deputy minister of education, Quebec's department of education conferred on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal in 1967, the responsibility to handle the 'Jewish question'.

The "associate status" agreement was negotiated by the Association of Jewish Day Schools, with President Ben Beutel providing the Jewish leadership.

This accord has enabled the Jewish schools to receive financial aid for the last six years - funds estimated at between \$1.25 and \$1.75 million each year in support of Jewish education. The grants pay for the non-religious aspects of the total program, and tuition fees for each student run between \$400 and \$600 per year.

"It was the only way to stretch the law,

and it was the only exception in the entire province," said Miss Baron, a devout Catholic of inextinguishable energy who has visited Jerusalem twice.

Her 10 years as a teacher, followed by 15 years as a principal, and her high executive positions on important professional federations, prompted the minister of education in 1967 to invite her to join the civil service.

Her own religious background moves her to favor the "advantages" of religious training in schools, and she was one of the deputy ministers who was inclined to support the retention of the confessional system inherent in the recent education law.

Miss Baron is responsible for the dossier on private education but her other major responsibilities include the dossier on the use of the French language in all the provincial schools, Eskimo and Indian education, and teacher training at the elementary and secondary levels.

Miss Baron explained that associate status seemed to be the only method of

exercise Article 574 of the now-outdated law where Jews were entitled to be treated "in the same manner" as the Protestants, and have the same "obligations, rights and privileges."

But in 1968 a new law was passed in Quebec by the Union Nationale government. The Private Education Act or Bill 56, governs every private institution in the province. With the recent implementation of Bill 71, Miss Baron said there is no longer any justification for the Jewish school's associate status position, and because of the democratizing effects of Bill 71 "there are no special provisions for the Jews."

Some four years after passage of Bill 56, Jewish schools fall under the umbrella of the law. The 1973-74 school season is the sixth and final year when the association is eligible to receive funds under the associate status proviso. This year associate status was extended an additional year, at the urging of Beutel, in order to give the schools more time to redevelop school programming.

The reprieve was vital for the Jewish schools because to this date they had never tackled the ramifications of Bill 56.

The education department is determined to implement the Bill 56 law, which means that all private schools must obtain government accreditation or "a licence." According to one government source there are one or two Jewish schools which require assistance to reach the province-wide norms for a licence.

After accreditation, private schools are entitled to receive between 60% and 80% of the per capita costs of their students (the funding determined by the per capita cost in the public sector).

Those schools which the government deems to be in the 60% bracket and "recognized for subvention" are new, potential schools which have not yet reached government standards. Those in the 80% bracket are recognized as quality schools considered to be in the "public interest."

Public interest schools fall within specific education department criteria. Of the three criteria only one can apply to Jewish

schools - "pertinence to the government's policy of the linguistic question."

It is the linguistic policy that Quebec governments have so bitterly been concerned with over the last 13 years. Accepting the facts of life, the Bourassa government is looking to the future to contain the degree of English being taught to immigrants. Bill 56 makes it advantageous for new immigrant groups to obtain financial assistance for their ethnic schools.

Ironically, the Jewish community falls under the "immigrant" aspects of the bill, a quality which irks the choler of some Jewish educators and school administrators who have worked in Quebec for decades.

Most significant, however, is that Bill 56 does not contain any articles detailing linguistic policy. The linguistic criterion was established as a result of what is termed "ministerial discretion" - the very essence of political power the world over. Quebec has, in fact, treated its minorit-



Therese Baron

ies (despite now outdated laws) in the education domain better than any other province in Confederation. This, despite the fact, that French minorities in other provinces have been historically treated without justice.

Generation gap, rhetoric fades in critical times

(From our Quebec bureau)

MONTREAL -

"The only way to express solidarity with Israel is by giving money, much money, more money than you ever thought capable of giving."

These were the words of Israel Consul General Ariel Aran, a theme echoed throughout the nation last week, but this time with a difference. Aran was speaking to some 700 junior college-age youths who attended a massive fund raising rally at the Beth El Synagogue, and so unexpected was the turnout that many were forced to stand at the sides of the hall.

As if he were talking to a

group of wealthy industrialists, Aran discussed the realities of the current crisis. He explained Israel's objectives and the depth of the country's political situation.

The audience's response to Aran's plea illustrated an ancient axiom of the Jewish people, that in times of crucial need, "generation gap" rhetoric fades from view, with adults and youth standing side by side in their commitment to the Jewish state.

The consul general explained Israel's main objective is a peace treaty negotiated directly by the parties concerned, and not a peace settlement handed down by a third party whose main concern is of their own needs.

McGill Law Professor Irwin Cotler told the audience that it is their "duty to take threats against Israel seriously, for there are things in Jewish history too terrible to believe but not too terrible to have happened."

For these young adults, Cotler articulated the pride and courage in being Jewish - in being born the generation after the Holocaust.

Kayla Dover, 23, one of the rally organizers, told the audience that "we may empathize with the people of Israel, we may even offer a silent prayer... but this is not enough."

"Please, these boys and many others throughout the world are willing and eager to sacrifice their lives for us and our people, and we too can do our part."

"Money is the only sacrifice that we as Canadians are able to make at this time... so I ask you from the bottom of my heart to give to the Israeli cause. For some of you it may mean skipping a movie, sacrificing a meal after a date, or even the date itself," she added.

"The office is open every night and weekends and Shulman and his staff have been working almost round the clock."

Box-car figures reported

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON -

This city will be able to hold its head high. United Jewish Welfare Fund president William Morris said of the current all-out effort to raise funds in support of Israel.

His reply to the question of how he and his approximately 200 volunteers are doing in the emergency campaign was an emphatic, "excellent, we are doing a good deal better than we had hoped."

"We are now dealing in box-car figures," Morris added. Hamilton has never had the reputation of being overly generous but Asher Shulman of the State of Israel Bond office said that "people here are becoming increasingly aware of their responsibility" and that "they are coming through with huge amounts."

The office is open every night and weekends and Shulman and his staff have been working almost round the clock.

An unusual fund raising event was the all-night 'Torathon' held by the grade eight students of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. With every hour sponsored by families, friends and neighbors, the 10-13-year olds raised \$1,300 by studying the Torah from 9 p.m. till 9 a.m.



Ariel P. Aran (right), newly appointed consul-general of Israel in Montreal, is welcomed to the city by Murray B. Spiegel, chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress, E. Region.

'Symptom of maturity'

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

On the philosophic level it was a "symptom of maturity" for Israel to absorb the first strike instead of attacking first as she did in 1967, according to Nissan Oren, an expert in Russian studies at Hebrew University, and presently a visiting professor at the Centre for International Studies at Princeton University.

Oren was speaking at a meeting where Allan Bronfman, national president of the Friends of the Hebrew University, installed A. Ephraim Diamond as president of the Toronto chapter, replacing the outgoing president, Albert Latner.

Oren noted "there is a

sense of uneasiness in the hearts of most of you as to Israel's decision not to strike first. After victory for us, this will become a subject of great analysis," he predicted.

The speaker also spoke of the dilemma in which the Israeli cabinet must have been placed. The first indication of an impending conflict seemed to come one day before the war, he observed. He rationalized that if Israel did carry out the first strike she would have had to do it on Yom Kippur and "it would be inconceivable to carry out the first strike on Yom Kippur."

Commenting on the role of the Soviet Union, Oren made the following observations:

- The Soviet Union has had many frustrations in the past few years, notably in terms of the new Chinese-American relations, and the increasing wealth of western Europe while her own economy is stagnating;

- The Arabs must have had a very large element of Soviet input;

- Despite their inability to manage the Arab states, the Soviet Union is staking, not only money, but political ambition in the area.



BY HAROLD WEINSTEIN MEMBER AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY

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A significant election

No true alternative to Liberals, Quebec's English voter in quandry

Despite the natural inclination of Jewry to be preoccupied with the current crisis in the Middle East, it is nevertheless important for the Quebec community to reflect on the provincial elections taking place on Monday. Although events abroad will continue to be the community's most pressing concern, the election is significant because it will reflect the new social pressures in motion in Quebec life.

Observers predict the Union Nationale, the party with the longest record in office in Quebec's modern history, is virtually on the way out. Although it was the official opposition during the last three years, this role for the party will likely disappear forever.

This brings the Parti-Quebecois into focus, a party which, if it hadn't elected to stand on an independence platform could possibly sweep the election - for it is considered a highly dynamic political organization. The party has two former high ranking civil servants running, Jacques Parizeau and Claude Morin, both authorities on economic questions. The PQ raised the single major issue in this election, a budget for an independent Quebec, while the Liberals based their campaign on the magnetism of Premier Robert Bourassa's personality.

The budget detailed a cost analysis for a separate province, and it is as feasible as it is offensive, popular support of such a budget stems basically from nationalist motives. It is the nationalist element of the PQ platform, and fears of coercion in linguistic policy in health, welfare, education, and in business life that alienates Anglophones - and Jews - from the Parti Quebecois.

The Liberal Party denounces coercion as a means to protect the French language but beneath the Liberal's public appearance lies a strong attitude on the subject. The Liberals under Education Minister Francois Cloutier are ensuring all Jewish students in the day school system will eventually be taught entirely in French - or possibly forfeit funds presently being allocated to the system. In the field of social welfare, Claude Castonguay (a brilliant political figure who is not seeking re-election), has convinced community leaders to firmly adopt the new health and social services act, Chapter 48. This has resulted in dissatisfaction among some members of the Jewish leadership.

English speaking voters have clearly been articulating their disenchantment with the Liberals but the lack of a true alternative leaves them in a quandry. Some have suggested illustrating their discontent by not voting at all. This would be regrettable.

An uncertainty in the forthcoming election is Yvon Dupuis' Rallement Creditiste, a simplistic and conservative organization whose paid announcements state: "If we win, you win... how about that?" If in fact, the PQ becomes the official opposition - a factor which will undoubtedly change the course of provincial politics and eventually result in a pro-independence majority - the separatist party will have to share their opposition benches with the Creditistes. To what extent the Creditistes pick up strength as a third party is an important question that will undoubtedly be answered when voters register their wishes at the polls.

Tackling insurmountable problems, work of Hadassah-WIZO is saluted

Another Hadassah Bazaar has come and gone and to say that it was successful is stating the obvious: the womenfolk who stage this very professional annual event know what they are doing and they do it exceptionally well.

While the famous bazaar gets a thick slice of media recognition, it is well to remember that it is just one aspect of the numerous activities which occupy the energies of Hadassah-WIZO through its chapters across Canada.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO raises funds for hospitals, schools, day care centres and cures in Israel as part of its aim to bring the moral and material support of the Jewish women of Canada to those who need help in Israel. Its program in Canada is an extensive and skillfully operated network of programs designed

to stimulate interest in all facets of Jewish life.

The women of Hadassah-WIZO are devoted to projects for the enrichment of life in the Jewish state and they are now called upon to work harder than ever in this hour of Israel's battle for the right to survive. Their dedication to Jewish ideals, their singleminded approach to tackling seemingly insurmountable problems and their concern for those who need succor, augers well for the difficult days of rebuilding Israel when the guns fall silent.

We salute the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto for the success of its bazaar, and for their work throughout the year. And we salute all the Hadassah members across Canada for their willingness to serve their fellow Jews.

U.S. warns: Don't hit first

By A Special Correspondent

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Although the Israelis were aware of Egyptian and Syrian troop concentrations on the Sinai and Golan fronts for some days before the assault, they did not interpret this to mean an imminent attack until the early hours of Yom Kippur morning when it was too late to mount a preemptive strike, according to informed Western sources.

Even had they been able to mount one in time, they would have been under strong United States' pressure not to do so. As soon as the size and purpose of the Arab build-up was recognized on the morning of October 6, Israeli Premier Golda Meir, alerted the U.S. Ambassador in Tel Aviv, Kenneth Keating.

According to reliable diplomatic sources in both Tel Aviv and Washington, America's advice was that Israel should not be the first to strike. As it was, the Israelis barely had time to alert their small holding forces in the front lines before the Arab assault began.

There have been suggestions by American correspondents in Israel that the Egyptians and Syrians actually planned their attack for nightfall on October 6, when Israel would have been nearing the end of her fast day and when the invading forces would have had the advantage of

making their assault under the cover of darkness.

But, according to these correspondents, the deadline for the attack was brought forward as soon as the Arab commanders realized that the Israelis had guessed their intentions.

Any attempt to understand why the Israelis did not calculate sooner that an all-out assault was coming must take into consideration two facts:

First, the Egyptians (as Israeli spokesmen have repeatedly pointed out) have been in battle readiness for almost two years, needing only the order to move into action.

Israel could not afford to keep a matching military force at the ready and military considerations have been influenced by political calculations of the likelihood of the Egyptians' attacking.

Secondly, the Syrians have frequently massed armour between the Golan Heights and Damascus for military exercises and just as frequently stood them down again.

If the Israelis were to have mobilized every time these manoeuvres took place, the country would have been thrown into frequent turmoil.

A JCNS correspondent who was in Israel in the early spring recalls that there was heated debate then in military circles and between some military leaders and politicians over the wisdom of Israel launching a preemptive strike against the build-up forces taking place on their northern and southern frontiers.



With war raging in the Middle East, press from around the world converged to cover the conflict. Above, in a briefing, Premier Golda Meir explains the Israeli point of view.



Here, school children dig trenches in Tel Aviv. Happily, the trenches did not have to be used to save lives. From the look of things, the kids did a good job. (IPPA photos)

What Really Happened?

1807 electoral choice barred over religion

By A.J. ARNOLD

Ezekiel Hart's election to the Assembly of Lower Canada is an oft-told tale that bears re-examination, especially in regard to his efforts to take the oath in a manner acceptable to a majority of the assembly.



A.J. Arnold

Hart was first elected to office at Trois Rivières on Saturday, April 11, 1807, a point that will acquire some significance in evaluating his own actions in relation to the oath. His first opportunity to enter the assembly, however, did not come until January 29, 1808.

When the House was informed that Hart was waiting to be admitted the question was immediately asked whether he had taken the oath in the usual manner. It was reported that he had taken the oath on the Bible with his head covered. As a result Attorney General Jonathan Sewell, seconded by Judge Pierre de Bonne, introduced a motion that Ezekiel Hart had not taken the oath in the customary manner and Hart remained outside the House.

There was no further action for more

than a week when a petition was presented to the House in behalf of Thomas Coffin, the man Hart had defeated. It stated that because "Ezekiel Hart is of the Jewish religion (he) is therefore not capable of being elected to serve in the assembly or of taking the oaths required." Coffin asked that he be seated in place of Hart.

Three days later a petition was presented to the assembly in behalf of Hart who asserted that he had taken the oaths prescribed by law to qualify him to a seat and he considered his oath "legal, binding and sacred to every purpose whatsoever." Nonetheless, he added that he would be willing to have the oath "re-administered to him in the usual form" in order to be admitted.

The question arises whether Hart was willing to take the oath a second time according to Christian practice, but he was not given a second chance. Instead the House concluded that he had taken the oath in the manner administered to Jews appearing in Courts of Justice.

Next the house undertook an inquiry into Hart's Jewishness and whether he still professed the Jewish religion. Members who were personally acquainted with Ezekiel Hart gave evidence that he was still a practicing Jew. One member who was also a judge reported that Hart had appeared before him in Trois Rivières and asked

for the privilege of not being called into court on Saturday, "it being his Sabbath and that of the Jews."

The House finally voted 21 to 5 that Ezekiel Hart "professing the Jewish religion, cannot take a seat, nor sit nor vote in this House."

In the assembly debate, Hart's claim to his seat was strongly opposed by Attorney General Sewell, while his main support came from a leading Montreal merchant, John Richardson. Sewell claimed that all oaths of office were to be taken on the evangelical scriptures.

It was only because of necessity that Jews were allowed to take the oath on the Old Testament in Courts of Law. There was no special need for a Jew to sit in the assembly, Sewell asserted. Richardson advanced counter arguments and cited other legal precedents to show that a Jew could hold public office in the colonies and could take the oath of allegiance without including the words "on the true faith of a Christian."

Pierre Bedard, the leading French spokesman, conceded the oath was not an issue on which Hart could be barred. Instead he advanced a thesis that Jews were prevented by their religion from giving true allegiance to any country. (This anti-Semitic canard could be traced back to the time when the oath introduced in

Europe became a means of barring Jews from the rights of citizenship.)

Bedard inverted the issue by arguing that Jews were nowhere accorded the rights of citizens because they did not want to be citizens of any country. Therefore, a Jew was not entitled to a seat in the assembly. The result was that the French majority joined with some of the English members to keep Hart from taking his seat.

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Next: Did Hart Swear on the New Testament the Second Time Around?

ask the rabbi

Sabbath candles

should be tended

even in absence

1. Is it essential to light the candles even if there are occasions when one feels that for all sorts of reasons one cannot?

It is not at all clear to me what you mean by "all sorts of reasons." Perhaps you mean when a woman has her period. But, according to the din, this is no reason for her not kindling the lights (for that matter, contrary to popular belief, she can even touch a Scroll of the Law at such times). Or perhaps you mean that you are not always at home at the time when the Sabbath candles are to be lit. In that case it is possible for you to delegate the mitzva to someone else or to kindle the lights early, before you leave home, stating explicitly that you do not accept for yourself the Sabbath repose until the Sabbath actually comes in.

2. What is the meaning of the phrase in Exodus Chapter 33, verse 20, "for man shall not see Me and live"?

According to a philosophical understanding of the verse, the intention is to convey the thought that finite man cannot endure a complete confrontation with the Infinite. Nachmanides, in his commentary to the verse, understands it to mean that man cannot attain to the "beatific vision" in this life. Only when his soul has left the body can it "see" God. The rabbis contrast this verse with Isaiah's claim to have seen God (Isaiah 6, 1). They solve the contradiction by saying that Moses saw through a clear glass while Isaiah saw through an unclear glass.

Rashi's remarkable comment is that only one whose vision is dim can imagine that he has seen God. Moses, whose vision was clear, knew the truth that man cannot see God. In Man's approach to God there is the paradox that the more he knows the less he knows, the more he sees the more he appreciates how little it is possible to see.

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Letters to the Editor

'It is time for Canada to speak'

Dear Editor:

Today, a Jewish friend of mine called and asked me to support Israel in its present critical struggle. He said that Israel is alone. Its enemies, the Arab countries, are strongly supported by Russia, the Communist block and China while the West, including Canada, takes a neutral position. Israel - less than three million souls, the refugees from Nazism and their descendants, stand alone in our world.

I believe it is time for Canada to speak. Without trouble a partisan can find justification in the past for taking any position in the current struggle. The injustices previously perpetrated by both sides are there - convenient hooks upon which to hang arguments. But surely the central fact is that Israel exists and has for 25 years. In a struggle between democracy and dictatorships, Canada's choice should not be difficult to make.

Democracies are precious gems in our world - there are only a few left. And Israel, with the exception of Lebanon, is the only one in the Middle East. On one side there ranges despotic dictatorships, supported with equipment and military advisors by Russia, the enemy of all democracy and on the other a small democracy of three million people. Israel, like Canada, is a country where the rule of law prevails, a nation with a form of parliamentary democracy and a free press. In other words, our kind of people.

Further, as a Christian who fought in World War II and was aware of some of the unspeakable excesses afflicted upon European Jews, I cannot believe that Canadians can remain aloof and allow the Jews of Israel to suffer another horrible Holocaust.

Murray R. Maynard
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Why have the powers that be at Beth Shalom Synagogue compelled the Shalom Social Club (which uses some of the facilities at the shul), to drop the word "Sho-

lom" from the name of their singles club?

Since this group consists of separated, divorced and widowed people in the Jewish community, how can it affect the status quo of the Beth Shalom Synagogue membership?

Are we not all Jews?

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

Dear Editor:

It is a tragedy when any lives are lost in war; it is a tragedy that Arabs are dying in the present conflict; but seeing Israel as necessary for Jewish survival because of what has happened to Jews in this century alone, I feel there is no tragedy like the tragedy of Jewish lives being lost in war. I hope they win! May Israel live!

Don Keating
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Re your guest editorial Sept. 28, if Rabbi Baskin, "spiritual leader" is horrified with all the evil surrounding us I suppose this is his professional task.

Yet it would be even better if he would direct his wrath towards the shortcomings within his own herd before feeling upon himself the prophetic call and task of the universalist in condemning the near of a foreign state, friendly both to Canada and Israel.

The reference and comparison to Nuremberg trials is not a new concept having been used by anti-Semites for some time. We do, after all, diminish Nazi guilt by comparing Nazism to our current democratic leaders, whatever their shortcomings.

Y. Levi,
Montreal

Voluntary tax is suggestion

Dear Editor:

The enthusiastic response to the urgent Israeli appeal for financial aid, gave me a splendid idea.

Israel has been plagued with four wars since its creation 25 years ago and is sacrificing a lot of human lives for its survival. The Israelis are also heavily taxed to pay for the wars. Of course, we help them too, mostly by purchasing Bonds, but that's not doing our duty fully.

Bonds are only an investment that Israel will have to repay with interest that will impose another heavy burden on the Israelis.

My idea is that Jews in Diaspora should be urged to pay taxes to Israel on voluntary basis. There is no doubt the response will be tremendous, and everybody will gladly pay it.

It could get rolling with synagogue appeals, by mail, by advertising in the press and by canvassers.

The rich would perhaps prefer to pay annually and for the poor it would be easier to pay monthly, and the tax could be paid by cheque or collected by volunteers.

Joseph Goldack
Willowdale

Increased loans available from absorption ministry but many remain unaware

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV -

New immigrant couples are now entitled to a loan from the ministry of absorption of \$17,000 instead of \$12,000 but many of those who need it may not know about the change.

"We tell every person applying for a loan that he is now entitled to more money," said a representative of the British Zionist Federation, "but the Jewish Agency and the absorption ministry have neither time nor manpower to notify all the immigrants in the country."

In some cases, this means that couples planning buying a home may be turning down offers of apartments because they are too expensive. When eventually they find out they can get more money, they may miss the earlier offers or the price may have jumped since homes cost exorbitant amounts in Israel.

Many Zionist organizations offer additional smaller loans since the \$17,000 from the absorption ministry is rarely enough, which often places a new immigrant in a quandary.

The \$17,000 loan is only available for couples when both are immigrants, newcomers marrying Israelis get far less.

A small, 80-square-metre apartment in a Tel Aviv suburb costs around \$20,000 - this is three tiny rooms. Anything more spacious can be as much as double or even three times that price - and not for a luxury apartment by Western standards.

So if a couple decide they want a 'nice' home, where they are not cramped in the middle of dreary housing blocks, where there is a semi-decent school to send their children, often they find they must pay at least \$43,000.

But then they are not permitted to take the loan offered by the government.

If the apartment costs over \$30,000, the loan goes down so fast that it vanishes well before \$46,000. So, many couples have to take smaller apartments, go through the expense of moving and altering the home only to be forced to move again when the children come along. Then they sell the apartment, usually for a good profit, and get a bigger place.

If they are lucky.

More often what happens is that the couple take the smaller place, in the "not so nice" area, break their backs financially to get it and furnish it (since few immigrants are very wealthy) and they stay there. The kids come along - often unplanned - and all future dreams of moving into a bigger apartment are pushed aside for a good number of years.

Single immigrants have an even harder time getting suitable housing. While increased loans are available for married newcomers, the single settler gets a loan of \$7,500 if he is over 35 (30 for women) and only \$4,500 if younger.

This is about enough for a couple of plots in a fashionable graveyard. The cheapest hovel available in a slum area usually costs more than that. "Western immigration is nosediving," a single im-

migrant from America told me "and the short-sighted absorption ministry, not content with being a bureaucratic mass, offers me this? Sure, I knew how much I would get before I came but no-one told me how high prices are. My shilhim pooh-poohed reports I quoted from newspapers about high prices."

The situation has brought about the formation of Save Our Singles, a new organization of unmarried immigrants. One of their main aims is to get the Jewish Agency and the absorption ministry (whose jobs intertwine so much that it is often difficult to tell them apart) to get cracking and sponsor the construction of one and two room apartments to be rented to single immigrants.

An SOS leader told newsmen that the group chose the "Succah" - a ritual dwelling of greenery - as a symbol of the group "... because that's the only type of residence available to unmarried immigrants in Israel today."

War of words worries Uncle Eliezer

By J.B. SALSBERG

This is written Monday morning (much to the chagrin of the editor who expected the column three days ago) after the Security Council decision, calling for a ceasefire in the fateful war between Israel and the 10 Arab states. Military analysts and political pundits will now become busy estimating the gains and losses of both sides. Let them; that's their bread and butter. But for me and my uncle Eliezer it appears - minutes after the UN decision - that a tentative evaluation is not at all difficult.

-- Israel did not want the war -- it wanted and repeatedly asked for a negotiated peace, but the other side wouldn't sit down with her at the same table.

-- The war came about as a result of an unprovoked military invasion of

Israel on a day when the Jews were least prepared for war. It started, therefore, with all initial advantages on the side of the invaders.

-- It ends (if ceasefire could be considered an end) with Israel's position vis-a-vis Syria far stronger than before hostilities; with Israel's military forces closer to Cairo than before and with Egypt's main military concentration of men and arms on the Sinai side of the canal, in imminent danger of being wiped out by Israeli attacks from the front and rear.

-- Negotiations for Israel's safe and secure borders are to commence and that's what Israel asked for all along.

So far the high command of the arm-chair strategists and generals (consisting of uncle Eliezer and myself) agree. But my uncle, as is his nature, immediately began to worry.

No, he assured me, it wasn't the Arabs that worried him at this moment but the Jews. "Why should the Jews worry you?" I asked.

Uncle Eliezer agreed that all Jews will be happy with the end of hostilities but what worries him, he said, is the war of words that will now start among

the Jews about the return of occupied territories.

I understand my uncle's worries. It is true that Israel, from Ben Gurion down, stressed repeatedly that its main objective was peace and friendship with its Arab neighbors based on clearly defined, permanent and defensible Israeli borders. But important segments of the Israeli community have rather extreme views about the occupied territories and they will now become very vocal. Some will base themselves on the heavenly pact with father Abraham, others will insist on retaining the "historic borders" of King David and still others will argue from modern geo-political standpoints.

"Things will now begin to boil on Israel's home front," uncle Eliezer predicted worriedly.

I tried to minimize his worries with the argument that since it will only be an internal, family squabble the Israelis will surely resolve their differences without going to war against each other. "But it's not only an Israeli problem," he insisted, "it will affect us right here on Bathurst Street too." And he drew my attention to a sign that was displayed outside the Bathurst

St. headquarters of one of the Zionist parties that proclaimed "the resolve not to return a single foot of occupied land." That sign was posted in the middle of the war so you can imagine what will follow now, when Israeli negotiators will have to get down to the real business of drawing lines on maps," he stated, looking quizzically at me.

I dispelled uncle Eliezer's worried mood by suggesting that there is a time and place for everything. There will be plenty of time to become involved in the war of words that is likely to break out among ourselves. In the meantime, I said, the war appears to be ended; our enemies, despite the surprise attack, didn't win but lost much; Israel's long sought negotiations -- face-to-face with her neighbors -- seems about to begin; Israel will be able to negotiate from strength and not from weakness; world Jewry emerged more united and more dedicated to the cause that "Israel shall live" and that calls for a 'L'Chaim.

"L'Chaim, uncle Eliezer!" "L'Chaim to you!" he replied. We then filled out glasses again and said, "L'Chaim to Israel!"

Torah beginning on creation lays claim to Holy Land

Sparks from the Torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

PARSHAT BREISHIS

Breishis boro Elokim, es hashamayim v'et ha'aretz. In the Beginning God created the Heavens and the earth. Our Torah is so ancient, but it's still the most modern guide we have. Witness the very first Rashi commentary in the Chumash, which asks why did the Torah begin with the creation of the world?

After all, the Torah, which literally means "teaching", is supposed to be a book of Mitzvos, commandments. So why not begin with a Mitzvah, rather than the story of creation? To which Rashi answers "if the nations come to the Jews and say you are robbers, because you stole the lands of the original inhabitants, the Israelites (or Israelis today) can answer, the Almighty created the world, and he apportioned it. The Holy Land is the inheritance of Israel."

As I am writing this, the battle still rages. But there is no doubt that we will be victorious in the end. Again the proof comes from this week's Parsha. At the end of every day of the Seven Days of Creation it concludes "Vayehi Erev, Vayehi Boker - And it was evening, and it was morning, the second day, the third day, etc."

Why do we Jews count the night before the day? Because that is the destiny of Israel. Often we must go through nights of suffering, of sacrifice, of wondering how we shall overcome our enemies throughout the world. Then Vayehi boker, then suddenly, just as things look their worst, we manage to survive and come out on

top. There is the day of victory. (Imrei Shafar).

That is also why we find another interesting thing. The sun and moon were both created on the Fourth Day. The secular world marks its calendar by the sun. The Jewish calendar, however, is based on the revolutions of the moon around the earth.

Again, it is a symbol of our history. The moon never holds steady, like the sun. During the month it gets smaller and

smaller, it almost seems ready to disappear, then suddenly, it pops up again, brighter and stronger than before. The same thing with the Jewish people. We Jews have witnessed the demise of many a nation that was ready to write us off. Things look dim. There are deep dark nights of Jewish history. But the moon rises again, and so will we.

What must we Jews do to help our Israeli brethren? Many things. They give

domin, which is blood. We must give domin, which also means money. But we must not forget we have other weapons as well. Hakol, kol Yaakov.

We also have the power of the voice of Jacob. The voice of prayer and the voice of Torah study. The Talmud relates the Almighty made a covenant with the heavens and earth at creation. If the Jews accept and fulfill the Torah then you shall stand, otherwise you disappear. When Israel

stands in such grave danger, we must fight with every artillery we have, guns, planes but also by adding to the merit of the people of Israel with the z'chus of the study of our Torah by every man, woman and child. (Tractate Shabbos 88a). Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Gottesman is Educational Director of the Mildred Arnoff School and Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Yom Kippur War story--The last time I saw Benny

By GERALD KAUFMAN

HAIFA (JCNS) -

Last time I saw him was a few weeks ago, when I was his guest for Rosh Hashanah at Kibbutz Yagur, near Haifa.

Last time I saw his army captain's uniform, it was folded neatly - more or less - on a shelf in the spare cupboard on the communal stairway in his kibbutz apartment block.

Last time I saw him in uniform was in May 1967, when he changed into it after a man had come round and conducted an exceptionally brief conversation with him. A few hours later he was in his armored corps camp, en route to the Golan Heights, which he helped to storm a couple of weeks later. He also served as a teenage boy in the Suez War of 1956, and was fairly seriously wounded.

When I last saw Benny he had three things on his mind. The first was the final examination he had to take before beginning this month the course in government at Haifa University to which his kibbutz had belatedly agreed to send him to at the age of 36. The second was rehearsals for further performances of the immensely

successful commemorative program for Yagur's 50th anniversary, which he had written and directed, and which had so moved Golda Meir when she came to see it. The third was the decayed tooth which was giving him a great deal of pain, but which he had neglected because the preparations for the anniversary gave him no time; he was planning to have this out as soon as possible.

Naguib's memoirs published

By MOSHE RON
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

The Lebanese weekly, El Hawadith has begun the publication of the memoirs of former Egyptian President General Mohamed Naguib, who together with the late Gamal Nasser, carried out the revolution of Egyptian officers in 1952.

Two years later he was removed by Nasser and since then he has been under house-arrest outside Cairo with a strong guard posted outside his home. During this time, Naguib's wife died and his son was

murdered in West Germany, under mysterious circumstances.

Now, after 19 years of house-arrest, Naguib has been set free by President Sadat. He has started revealing secrets which will certainly not contribute any honor to Nasser's memory. After coming to power, Sadat began to diminish Abdul Nasser's glory and, therefore, he permitted the publication of Naguib's memoirs in the Lebanese weekly. The publication was fostered by Sadat partisans who had to emigrate from Egypt during Nasser's rule and who wished to revenge themselves.

Benny also took part in Yagur's special evening of songs and speeches to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Other participants included two tiny children, who offered us their wishes for the New Year.

One little girl, in a piping voice, said she hoped the New Year would bring peace for all Israel.

I had long conversations with Benny during my stay. He was even more out-

spoken than I in condemning the Israeli housing ministry's policy of "establishing facts" in Jerusalem by building hideous blocks of flats there. He was even more anxious than I that Golda Meir should quell the outbreak of "hawk talk" in her cabinet.

I played draughts with Benny's two elder sons and trains with his smallest boy. But coping with the toy trains' technological problems came more naturally to Benny's wife's younger brother Yitzhak, home on leave for the holiday from serving with the air force in Sinai. I talked to him, too, and he was not too sure what he wanted to do when he left the service in a few months' time.

Meanwhile, I do hope Benny found time to get that tooth out. It must be hell saving your country with a toothache.

Dropouts of social group welcomed by volunteers as indication of success

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO -

Volunteers in charge of Project Greenlight, which teaches social skills to teenagers with learning disabilities, are glad when members drop out "because that means that they're maturing - that they're making friends elsewhere," organizer Debbie Greengarten told The Canadian Jewish News.

Twenty youngsters ages 13 to 21 participate in the program, now in its fourth year. Except for one or two who are slightly retarded, Miss Greengarten said, the others have average or above average intelligence but have been set back in their social development because of perceptual handicaps.

For example, she said, one of the boys has trouble co-ordinating his thoughts with his speech. One of the girls has a visual handicap that makes her perceive things differently from other people. Steps seem much higher to her than they really are and she is terrified of down escalators.

"I don't know what she sees but it must be a horrifying experience," Miss Greengarten said.

The group meets every Sunday afternoon, half the time in the University of Toronto Hillel house on St. George St., and half the time for outings.

Recently the group went to Ontario Place and Miss Greengarten said the teenagers enjoyed it very much.

The volunteers have no professional qualifications for dealing with learning

disabled teenagers. Miss Greengarten is a student of the Toronto Teachers' College.

The program costs \$10 per year if the parents can afford it. Transportation costs are extra, Miss Greengarten said.

The group could easily expand to a mailing list of 30 people.

The members are encouraged to be independent, so volunteers don't like them to be taken to and from meetings by parents.

"If they're not capable of using public transportation, they're not really for our group," she said. Last year, one member wasn't able to use the subway by himself, so another member taught him how.

Miss Greengarten said members are taught skills so they can get along in public and avoid being stared at. She cited one boy who likes to touch everything. He touched her corduroy slacks on the way to Ontario Place and though she didn't mind, the same situation in public would not be tolerated.

"It's one thing to have problems - another to impose them on others," she said.

One major problem is lack of confidence. Their learning disabilities keep them back in school so they, "keep getting thrown back and never make friends - they're always alone."

The idea for the project came from Rabbi Eliezer, Hillel advisor four years ago, who had heard of a similar project in Buffalo.

Miss Greengarten said the group is trying to get an advisor this year from the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education.



Project Greenlight teenagers enjoy Children's Village at Ontario Place. The kids have been set back in their social development because of perceptual handicaps. (D. Groskind photos)



Members of Project Greenlight which teaches social skills to teenagers with learning disabilities enjoy an outing at Ontario Place. The project is in its fourth year.

Organizations and People

what's new... by Miriam Herman

UJWF ANNUAL MEETING

The expanding scope of services and the increased demand for assistance to the Jewish poor and elderly will be stressed by Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, in his report at the fund's annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Murray B. Kofler, chairman of the 1974 UJA emergency campaign, will also report to the community on the progress of the campaign.

USDS WALKATHON

The United Synagogue Day School Walkathon is set for Sunday, Oct. 28, at 9 a.m. (in case of rain it takes place the following week). The 11-mile hike begins at Beth Tikvah Synagogue on Bayview Ave. and ends at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Bathurst St., with checkpoints at all sponsoring Conservative synagogues along the route. All proceeds previously marked for the USDS scholarship and library fund will be channeled to the Israel Emergency Fund. P.S. Rabbi Erwin Schild will be walking again this year.

MIZRACHI BAZAAR

The Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Toronto is holding their bazaar Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the St. Lawrence Market, Front and Jarvis Sts. The doors are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The door prize is a 21-inch portable color T.V.

HEALTH LECTURE

Tell Me, Doctor, What's New in Gynaecology? is the topic up for discussion at the Mount Sinai Women's Auxiliary autumn meeting Wednesday, Oct. 31, at Holy Blossom Temple — luncheon is at 12:30 p.m. Speakers are to be obstetricians and gynaecologists Drs. Abraham Bernstein, Sidney Tobin and Carol Ann Cowell with family practitioner Dr. Nathan Levine as moderator.

ART SHOW

Paintings, sculpture and ceramics from six of Toronto's well known galleries — Aggregation Gallery, Evans Gallery, Mazlow Gallery, Merton Gallery, Shaw Rimmington Gallery and Third Gallery — will be shown at Temple Emanuel-EI's art show and sale taking place Saturday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 28, from 1-6 p.m. at the Temple, Old Colony Rd.

YOUNG FUND RAISERS

It's good to know that the young people are doing their share to help Israel. Two grade three classes at Bialik Hebrew Day School, about 45 eight-year-olds, have raised over \$400 so far for Israel. Under the guidance of teachers Hinda Hirt and Stephanie Kogan, they have set up what they call a Mitzvah pledge which means

they pledge themselves to do such jobs as raking leaves, shining shoes, dog and cat sitting, (one youngster collected one dollar for not crying all day) for which they collect money from their sponsors.

COURSE FOR VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer training course has been initiated by the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, a division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund. The course, consisting of four consecutive Tuesday lectures, is the result of findings by a task force established by CSJE in December 1972, concerned with the volunteers working in this area with no professional guidelines. The opening lecture, Nov. 6, by David Langer, administrator of the extension to the Jewish Home for the Aged, will deal with the role and responsibility of the volunteer.

ALUMNI GROUP

Beth Tzedec Congregation's newly-formed alumni group is open for membership. Anyone interested in becoming involved, making new friends, doing handicrafts and going on trips, can get further information by calling Dorothy Beube at 489-4345, or Ruth Foster at 782-6525.

FREE JEWISH UNIVERSITY

This year, 19 courses are being offered by the Free Jewish University of Toronto which is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at University of Toronto and the Jewish Student Federation at York University. Registration is necessary by calling Hillel.

ZIONIST LECTURE

Zionists in Action are having a public forum on Crossroads of Survival: Aliyah and Diaspora on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 8:30 p.m. at the Labor Zionist Centre, Viewmount Ave. Discussants will be Rabbi Bernard Baskin, of Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton; Joshua Bar-EI, executive director of Israel Aliyah Centre; and Harry Steiner, national president of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada.

SINGLES DANCE

The Shalavett (Candlelight) Singles Club, formerly called the Shalom Social Club, is having a dance Sunday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue, Eglinton Ave. West.

TAY SACHS CLINIC

A Tay Sachs testing clinic is being held on Sunday, Oct. 28 and November 11 at Hamilton's Adas Israel Synagogue from 10 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. The clinic has been organized by the Hamilton Jewish Federation in conjunction with McMaster University Medical Centre and is open to anyone in the city.

Volunteer befriends her Jewish milieu

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL — The Golden Age Association gives Francis Durant, the organization's only non-Jewish member, four bus tickets per week so she can come to do her volunteer work.

Otherwise, like other members of the Allied Jewish Community Services' agency for the elderly, Mrs. Durant probably wouldn't even be able to get there.

Her predicament is not unique. Even with regular pension increases, the fate of the senior citizen is often determined by the caprices of spiralling inflation.

"I come out pretty even. Sometimes 11c, sometimes 4c, but I do break even," said Mrs. Durant, who joined the association a year ago. Her financial situation doesn't allow for outings, films or the odd snack in a restaurant.

"You just have to budget and budget," said Mrs. Durant, "but where it's all going to lead I have no idea. It's hardly possible to live on the money we get."

The 68-year-old widow spent her earlier life as a practical nurse and took care of several convalescing Jewish patients. When her



Frances Durant of Montreal's Golden Age Association.

daughter married a Jewish man, she again came into contact with the Jewish milieu and is interested in learning more about Jewish customs.

In 1958, after being retired for six years, Mrs. Durant became ill and lost the use of her legs. After three years in a wheelchair and several months of rehabilitation, she was walking again. However, she relies heavily on medication, not only for her legs, but for a severe heart condition.

Mrs. Durant is one of the

luckier senior citizens, for she gets \$100 a month from her husband's estate, but even so regular bills eat up her resources.

"I pay \$90 a month where I am," she explained, "but as you know, the phone's gone up, the hydro's gone up and the food is just outrageous. I don't buy anything on time. If I can't pay, I go without."

"I also have a strict diet and I'm not allowed to have starchy foods. Instead I'm to have fish and good steak. But it's impossible with the expense of groceries. I can't make ends meet."

"When it's not hot, I sometimes walk to the centre. But in winter, I won't be able to come as often, because I can't get out. If I fall down, I can't get up again. My legs are uncontrollable. They warned me that if I walk up a small incline, I should stop and wait a while."

"I don't let this bother me, though. I'm always thinking of somebody less fortunate than myself. I'm a jolly person. It doesn't do any good to crab because no one wants to listen to you."

She took part in a social action project designed to obtain reduced public transportation fares for senior citizens. The results were disappointing for the group after long efforts to present their case to Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal.

"People got very discouraged," she recalled. "They were saying 'What's the use?' and 'It's just a waste of time.' One problem is that the older citizen gives up very easily. He's worked all his life and now he thinks it's time to sit back."

What does the senior citizen need? Are low cost housing, reduced transportation costs and regular pension increases the answer to improving his life condition?

Women's Lib not new, speaker says

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO

Liberated women are part of the heritage of every Jewish woman, noted psychologist and educator Dr. Reva Gerstein told the opening meeting of the Holy Blossom Sisterhood last week.

"So often women today think that we have discovered the wheel," Ms. Gerstein, a past president of both the National and International Councils of Jewish Women told the 300 guests, "but liberation has to do with a very long history."

Ms. Gerstein said her

great-grandmother learned to read and write "by listening at the door while the boys were being taught" and added that 75-year-old Golda Meir "wasn't just liberated yesterday."

She said that Jewish women are obliged to preserve the hope in the future that is implicit in Judaism. She added that "openmindedness, reverence for the asking of the question, for keeping the dialogue open" which are part of the Jewish tradition, will be important in a society increasingly skeptical about the value of education.

Ms. Gerstein is chairman of Ontario's Committee on University Affairs, with a budget this year of \$600 million. She was editorial chairman of last year's Commission on Post-Secondary Edu-

cation in Ontario report.

She spoke at length about future changes in education, emphasizing the current shift to part-time learning continuing throughout one's life as less teenagers go directly from high school to university and as leisure time and the need for increased skills generally becomes more common.

Mrs. Durant thinks not. "Senior citizens need companionship and understanding more than anything else. Often, when they go to see anybody to get help, its done on a business level. They need someone they can go to, someone who is never too busy. It's the isolation from the everyday world that's so damaging. No one seems to have the time to explain how things are changing. This is where they are lost."



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Montreal boys Gary Garber (seated), Howard Taras (centre) and Alexander Kagan view Technion nuclear simulator. There are many Canadians enrolled in Israeli schools.

Three young Montrealers, Gary Garber, Howard Taras and Alexander Kagan were among the 35 teenagers who took an intensive three-week course at the Third Annual Summer Institute of Technology given at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. While in Israel, they attended lectures and did lab work in such fields as radiation engineering, nuclear medicine and the sociology of technology. The course was under the auspices of the American and Canadian Technion Societies and the Zionist Youth Federation.

Canada Supreme Court Justice Bora Laskin is to be one of the three humanitarian award recipients at the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews banquet Monday, Nov. 5, at the Royal York Hotel.

When Rabbi Marvin Fox, an Orthodox rabbi and well-known spokesman for the Jewish Day School movement in North America, is guest lecturer at Beth Tzedec Saturday, Nov. 9. He will be delivering three lectures on the over-all topic of the World of Jewish Philosophy. In the morning he will speak on A Rational Faith and the Limits of Reason; in the afternoon, on Maimonides teaches us to read the Bible; and in the evening the discussion will be on The Foundations of Morality.

Toronto pharmacist Maxwell Joel, and present chancellor of Rokeah Chapter, Rho Pi Phi Pharmaceutical Fraternity,

recently received the J.C. Gould Memorial War Award for his all round contribution to the profession and the community.

Welsh-born artist Sarah Silver — she came to Canada in 1957 — opened her one-woman show of acrylic paintings and drawings at the Walter Engel Gallery this week. The exhibition runs to Nov. 4.

CJN freelance writer Patricia Rucker — she did the highly praised series on Jewish education — and husband Leon Rucker have a brand new son, Simon, their first son and second child. Daughter Elizabeth is three years old.

J.L. Kenen, editor of the Near East Report and chairman of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, comes to Toronto Wednesday, Oct. 31, to guest speak at a meeting sponsored by the Toronto Zionist Council. His topic — Is This the War to Peace? The meeting takes place at the Zionist Centre, Marlee Avenue.

A University of Toronto medical student, Moishe Kempinski, who has been responsible for the re-organization of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth in Ontario and is the driving force behind it, has been appointed regional director of the organization's Central Canada Region. The NCSY is affiliated with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Garbage bag filled with bills for Israel

MONTREAL

As deeply concerned about the present crisis in the Middle East but lacking the financial resources of their parents, Montreal's youth have nevertheless undertaken a massive campaign to collect precious dollars for the Jewish state.

Allied Jewish Community Services Public Relations Director Joe King cited the example of students from Bialik High School who proudly deposited a garbage bag full of small bills at Combined Jewish Appeal headquarters last week.

Last Sunday, a rally was organized by the Tzedakah Committee, composed of high school, CEGEP and university students, in the park-

ing lot of the AJCS Cummings House building.

Some 600 students attended the fund raising rally and participated in the many discussion groups. They anxiously listened to radio reports being broadcast over the loudspeakers.

At McGill University some 1,000 students rallied in front of the Student Union building to hear Canada-Israel Committee National Director Meyer Bick, discuss the role of oil in the present conflict. No incidents broke out between Arab and Jewish students.

The Zionist Youth Organization is also holding a campaign, with the aim of assisting wounded Israeli soldiers.

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Children's Theatre at Colonnade

Audience enjoyment makes it worthwhile

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Life is hard under ordinary conditions, but it seems that it is much more difficult for artists. Witness Bernard Aaron and Florence Ford.

Aaron is a painter, sculptor, composer and founder, with his partner, playwright Florence Ford, of a children's theatre company, Arts Renaissance. The company has a production on at the Colonnade, titled, *Spindler and the Princess*.

Miss Ford writes the original scripts and sometimes directs the productions, while Aaron composes the music and designs the sets. They hope their Christmas production is as successful as the present one. In talking with these two artists, one sees hope is something they really cling to because sometimes that's all they have. It's hard doing successful children's theatre with a lot of hope and little

money. It's hard but somehow they manage. In spite of the fact that they have successfully produced six children's productions, they were refused a grant "on the grounds that the company didn't have a business organization behind it," says Miss Ford.

They do have an anonymous patron who helps, but as she says, "he can only help so much, we have to do the rest. We don't want to be supported, we can do that ourselves, we just want the little extra help to do better productions."

To support themselves, Aaron teaches music and paints; Miss Ford teaches at a drama school. Her needs seem greater because she is the sole support of her three children.

In spite of the hardships and frustrations, both are happy. "It's marvellous to be doing one's own thing," she says. They strongly believe in their worth and work.



Bernard Aaron



Florence Ford

Aaron says, "writing for children is important because if they aren't brought to the theatre they rarely go as adults."

Both feel they are helping create a society of theatre going adults by providing children's theatre. Also they are creating an outlet for

students in acting - the acting company is predominantly non-union. But the true test of whether they are a success or not is in the audiences.

The children seem to love the shows; they participate and generally have a great time. To Aaron and Miss Ford the enjoyment of the

young audiences makes the frustration worth while.

The Jewish community plays a great part in the success of the shows. Aaron says, "the Jewish community has a far greater percentage of culturally oriented people." He said that if he advertised the show in a Gentile paper with a large circulation (around 100,000) and then advertised in a Jewish paper with a small circulation (around 20,000), the responses would be the same. "The Jewish people are much more interested in the arts," says Aaron.

It is ironic then, that when he was growing up in England, (he came to Canada in 1967) his Jewish parents were opposed to his artistic leanings. He and his artistic twin brother got no encouragement; their parents couldn't understand their artistic natures.

Aaron tells the story of how he and his brother sculpted

animals from the age of four. The work they did at 21 is now in the World Wildlife museum in London, England. "My parents got so fed up with seeing these herds of elephants being made, my father started throwing them out. Everytime he threw them out, we had to make another herd; and in a way he helped us to get better."

Both Aaron and Miss Ford have found their way of life - both are happiest in art. One can only wish life becomes a little easier.



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A very untypical Jewish woman enjoys presidency of synagogue

By MIRIAM HERMAN

KITCHENER -

There's that old adage that if you want something done, ask a busy person. That's how Ethel Fahidy, full-time wife and mother, part-time librarian, choir singer, seamstress (she sews her own clothes) and do-it-her-self home decorator, became president of Temple Shalom in Kitchener.

Well, that's not exactly the only reason.

For one, she felt there was a need for changes in the temple programming, especially in the area of the religious school "and it isn't fair to just sit back and criticize." For another, she had been involved at the temple for some time. And for still another and most important of all, her love for Judaism runs deep. All good, solid attributes to be expected of a president of a congregation.

True, women synagogue presidents are still somewhat of a rarity in Canada and that in itself would be interesting enough. But what makes this tall, energetic in-her-30s matron more unique, still is the fact that she wasn't always "a typical Jewish girl."

In fact, Mrs. Fahidy became Jewish during her student days at the University of Illinois. Her conversion to Judaism followed years of in-limbo soul-searching. She had always done a lot of thinking and reading about religion. She went the whole route from the Protestantism to which she was born to the "atheistic" bit.

"Through a gradual mental process, I became more and more convinced that Judaism was in tally with what I believed," she said. "I couldn't in good conscience be anything else."

So much of Judaism, especially the moral teachings, was basic to her upbringing that she felt at home with it and when she met her husband Thomas and discovered he was Jewish, "it was as though someone had given

me a gift."

The Fahidys met at the university - she was studying anthropology and he was working on his doctorate in chemical engineering.

They arrived in Kitchener nine years ago when Dr. Fahidy joined the faculty of the University of Waterloo. Canada was more-or-less his home, as it was to Queens University that he had come following the 1956 uprising in his native Hungary.

Mrs. Fahidy first became active in the temple as a volunteer librarian. The Fahidy involvement has been a family affair ever since. Dr. Fahidy was president four years ago and now is one of a two-member "committee" responsible for the religious services.

Presently, the synagogue is housed in an office building in downtown Waterloo. The congregation is without a rabbi at the moment and "everyone has to pull up his socks and pitch in."

Despite the fact that there is a membership of less than 20 families mostly with young children, and a few single memberships, they have a thriving adult education program, a young adult education group, and a religious school which has engaged a full-time professional teacher for the first time.

Chanukah and Passover celebrations are home-based and the normal Jewish life-cycle ceremonies - Brit

Milah, baby naming, bar mitzvah, wedding and funeral - are conducted by out-of-town rabbis.

And imagine if you can, a congregation without a fund raising project except in the event of a crisis. All financial commitments are met by annual membership dues based on a self-assessment according to annual income.

Mrs. Fahidy's personal thrust is to upgrade the religious school. As for her presidential duties, Mrs. Fahidy finds that much of it can be handled on the telephone which gives her time for young David and John. She is basically a woman-organization oriented although she

does belong to the faculty wives club. The mode of life is informal - home entertainments, choir rehearsals once a week, reading a lot and the occasional movie.

She looks on the temple as "not a social organization but as a place to commune with other Jews."

And for a girl who in her youth in Evanston, Illinois, had had no contact with Jewish people, she would certainly appear to have become the epitome of the Jewish mother - in the highest sense of that term.

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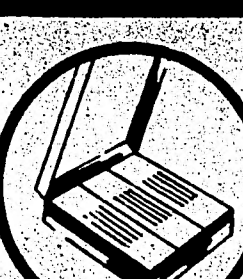


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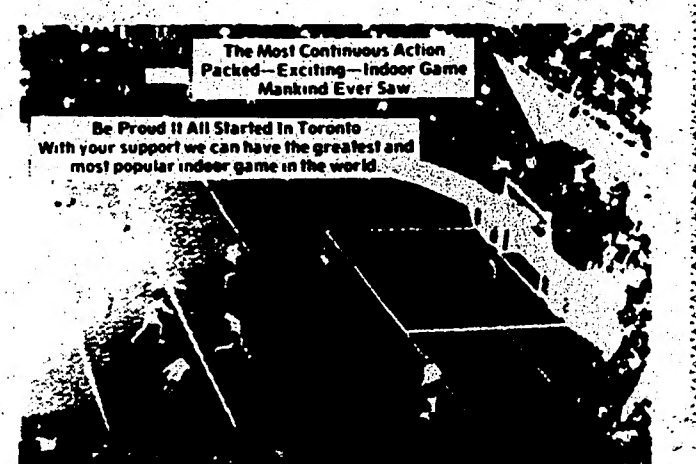
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glades lies within the 1,330,000-acre preserve of the Everglades National park. Here the alligator still is commonplace, and the wood ibis, egret and roseate spoonbill fly in splendid formation to and from their feeding grounds at daylight and dusk.

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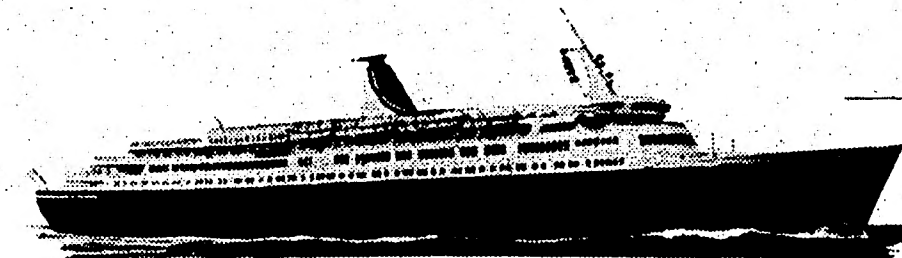
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These are some of the thousands of persons who turned up on a chilly evening for Toronto's annual Simchat Torah rally at Nathan Phillips Square. (Steven Hershenson photo)

Simchat Torah rally brings record attendance in demonstration for Israel, and Soviet Jewry

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO — The largest gathering of Toronto Jewry in recent history poured into Nathan Phillips Square last weekend on a chilly evening for the annual Simchat Torah rally.

"Our brothers in Israel must remain free; our brothers in the USSR must become free" was the theme of the program attended by 12,000 persons, according to City Hall officials.

Organizers expressed satisfaction at the large turnout. There was singing and dancing before and after the speeches.

All age groups were represented, with youth predominating. There were no incidents, police said. Signs, banners and Israeli flags dotted the crowd. Many of the thousands climbed the ramps around City Hall to get a better view of the platform on the west side of the Square.

There were many guests on the platform, but speeches were kept short.

Setting the tone for the evening, J. B. Salsberg, chairman, steering committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress, said: "The hands that keep the doors locked to Soviet Jews are the same hands that support the aims and send supplies to Israel's enemies."

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, chairman, Canada - Israel Committee, Central Region, told the gathering: "You're the message and the message to our brothers is 'We will not forget you' — in the Soviet Union, in Arab lands and those who fight for Israel's survival."

Ontario Revenue Minister Allan Grossman, representing Premier William Davis, was loudly applauded when he declared, "we cannot allow world powers to trade

off Israeli lives for world peace."

Premier Davis, who was attending a family wedding sent a message expressing support for Israel.

Federal Liberal MP Barnett Danson said no government anywhere other than Israel's can be counted on for full support.

Federal New Democratic Party Leader David Lewis, in top speaking form, expressed admiration for Israel "fighting with passion and conviction" and condemned the Russians "for bullying nations to join the war."

Municipal politicians present who spoke were Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey and Toronto Alderman David Smith, representing Mayor David Crombie. No reason for Crombie's absence was given.

Three non-Jewish clergymen spoke — among them Dr. B. Robert Bate of Eglington United Church, who said Christians should understand the meaning of Israel to Jews.

He said he spoke "out of a deep sense of Christian contrition for many past silences." And he added "we have long since disqualified ourselves of a mediatorial task and we should recognize that."

After saying a prayer in Hebrew for Israel, Rev. Canon Arthur Brown, rector of St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, said: "I don't say the typical Christian response, but the authentic one."

Earlier the crowd at Nathan Phillips Square was met by about 2,000 supporters who marched from the steps of the parliament buildings at Queen's Park. Starting at 8:30, the last participants arrived at City Hall 45 minutes later.

Carrying torches, flags, and pickets high above their heads, young and old filled the east sidewalk of University Avenue. Metro police helped the walkers across major intersections.

Many came to be counted

By MARCIA SINGER

TORONTO — For some, this was the first of its kind. For others, it was a repeat performance of previous torchlight parades and City Hall rallies for Soviet Jewry. But this rally had a special significance — Israel's threatened survival.

But, novices and veterans alike, the 12,000 at Nathan Phillips Square Saturday evening shared one common bond — they all came to show their solidarity as Jews with Israel.

As Morris Wise, a 58-year-old manufacturer said, "I could have asked my brother-in-law tomorrow what happened. But I came to listen and be counted."

Jews of all ages braved the cool autumn weather to hear the hour-long program of speeches and songs. From grandparents to babies in strollers, they crowded the area around the stage and lined the City Hall gallery overlooking the square.

It was not enough just to be there. They carried Israeli flags, banners and pickets and sold buttons, bumper stickers and chocolate bars to aid the Jewish state.

The evening was not a joyous occasion. The crowd heard speeches emphasizing the urgent need to help Israel in the face of Arab aggression. Nor was it overwhelmingly solemn. There was singing and folk dancing to warm the spirit and the body on the chilly night.

For some couples, this

was a family event with all three generations present.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Soban, marching from Queen's Park with their parents, pushed their year-old daughter Esther in a stroller. They could have left her at home, but both wanted the youngster to see the rally.

"We can tell her when she grows up that she was part of this rally for Israel," said

Soban, a 36-year-old high school teacher.

Other children bundled in winter clothing were old enough to understand the evening's purpose.

Nine-year-old Ian Kalushner explained after some thought, "I came to show I'm a Jew and to think about the soldiers being killed to save us."

Ian and his six-year-old

sister raised 61¢ for Israel by selling some of their own toys on the second day of the war.

From the edge of the crowd, one had to strain to hear the messages from government spokesmen and leaders of Jewish and Christian communities. The words were encouraging — moral support from Premier William Davis, NDP Leader Da-

vid Lewis and Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey.

However, for many the speeches were of secondary importance.

"I didn't expect something from the federal government tonight. It is enough for me to be able to stand here at City Hall and not be afraid to show my support," said Mrs. Rose Brown, a Toronto housewife.

5,000 people attend Montreal demonstration

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL —

A resolution of support was handed to a beaming but formal Israel consul general last Saturday, while 5,000 Montreal Jews listened to impassioned speeches and chanted Hebrew folksongs on the steps of the consulate.

"There is no you and us," Consul General Ariel Aran told a delegation in his office, "because I know that while our boys fight and spill their blood for the survival of the state of Israel, their victory will be the guarantee for the survival of the Jewish people in the whole world."

The meeting with Jerusalem's representative to Montreal capped a two-hour long demonstration that began at Dominion Square, wound through car-packed streets, and ended with songs at the consulate.

Despite disappointment at a modest turnout, thousands listened to six speakers pronounce Jewry's commitment

to Israel. Brandishing placards reading "We Love Golda," "Let My People Go," "Is-

rael Viva" and "Paix Moyen Orient," the orderly demonstrators marched across busy St. Catherine Street

while the Saturday night drivers sounded their horns to exclaim their impatience and annoyance.

Sharp makes strong pleas

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a high cost to the region and to the world."

Although Canada has in the past adopted a balanced

perspective in the Middle East, he said, "it may be neither appropriate nor possible for Canada to maintain a perfect sense of balance in the present difficulties."

New Democratic Leader David Lewis censured the Soviet Union for indulging in an international language "replete with insincerity, hypocrisy and double-talk."

Campaign is advanced

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community to support both campaigns.

Decision to launch the 1974 campaign at once came as a result of emergency discussions in New York with Pinchas Sapir and other top Israeli leaders. Arrangements were made for Sapir to come to Toronto to outline Israel's requirements.

Within hours, a letter announcing the meeting at the Skyline Hotel was delivered to contributors.

Despite the short notice, more than 1,000 attended the meeting and waited patiently from 9 a.m. to well past noon to announce their gifts from the floor. Because

the goal is about 2 1/2 times the amount raised in 1973, most gifts were in line with this percentage increase and many were even greater.

Sapir, who sat through the meeting, said he had never before witnessed such a large fund raising event and said it was an historic occasion in the annals of Canadian - Israel relations.

Setting the tone for the emotion-packed meeting was a Yiskor service, conducted jointly by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, of Holy Blossom Temple, and Rabbi Herbert Feder, of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

In a short address, Rabbi Plaut declared: "Don't give until it hurts. Giving never hurts. Give until you have done your share. It is an enormous privilege to be here to share our affluence and make ourselves partners in the survival of our people."

Long fight seen

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see it as Israel does, "measured in human values, in survival, in the fact that, even during the war, Russian emigres were settled (in Israel)."

"As long as you and I live, it will not be easy to be a Jew, but it will be glorious. It is a privilege to be a brother to little David," he said, referring to Israel.

Rabbi Plaut quoted Golda Meir as saying the tragedy of the war lies not only in the lives lost on both sides but in the fact that "they forced Jews to kill."

"That kind of spirit to me is the spirit of religion," he said.

Rabbi Plaut pointed out the biggest controversy in Israel's young history has been arriving at a definition of "what is a Jew?"

"If a Jew can't understand it," he said, "maybe we should be charitable and understand why others can't either."

Rabbi Plaut said the council had not yet initiated

enough frank and open discussions of problems among Jews. The organization represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform communities.

"But you are a ray of hope in this regard," he said, adding that holding the meeting in a synagogue was a "symbolic affirmation of the centrality of this institution."

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Sapir visits Canada

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hit them again... Our morale is high... but they have sophisticated weaponry and everything wiped out is replaced."

In the afternoon, the same trio of Israeli leaders spoke to a gathering of 250 UJA leaders from across the country at the nearby Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel.

Sapir's visit to Eastern Canada was considered a landmark meeting in the history of the Montreal Jewish community, since contributors to the Israel Emergency Fund of 1972 more than tripled their previous gifts.

One spokesman told The Canadian Jewish News that the unprecedented contributions were in response to AJCS President Charles Bronfman and General Campaign Chairman Simon Cobring, personal appeals.

Some 125 top community figures attended the meeting held at the Montefiore Club, and Sapir continued his strenuous schedule by meeting a group of 400 special names contributors at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

A significant departure from tradition occurred with Sapir's visit, as this year women were prominent in the trend-setting contributions. It was the first time in memory that women's cards were announced as contributing as much, and in some cases more, than their male counterparts.

Report at UJWF meeting

Murray Koffler, UJA campaign chairman, will give a detailed report on the 1974 emergency campaign when he speaks at the annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, Thursday, Nov. 1, at Beth Tzedec Congregation. Campaign workers and the community generally are invited to attend.

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All immigrants welcome, PQ says

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL - Jews of Moroccan origin asked for assurance of minority rights in an independent Quebec during a meeting Sunday evening where Parti Quebecois candidate Jacqueline Dugas and her Liberal opponent, Victor Goldbloom, argued campaign issues.

The Moroccans accounted for two-thirds of the 60-member audience which attended the debate organized by Neighbourhood House, a branch of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association.

One middle-aged man recalled the period of racism which followed the success of the independence movement in his native Morocco. He asked Madame Dugas what guarantee Jews had that this would not occur in Quebec, forcing Jews to emigrate once again.

The PQ spokeswoman re-

plied that all immigrants were welcome to become Quebecois and assimilate themselves in an independent Quebec.

She told the meeting that the Parti Quebecois "does not want to lose Francophone Jews as Quebecois." Several Jews were active in the 1837-38 Patriote movement, she pointed out. The first plans for an independent Quebec were, it was claimed, drawn up in the house of a Jew named Ezekiel Hart.

A PQ administration would see French as the first official and working language, she affirmed during the debate, which was conducted entirely in French. Not to speak French in Quebec is, according to Madame Dugas, a form of "pollution".

"It's not with bilingualism that we make effective individuals," she declared, in criticism of the Liberal bilingual policy. She said that people with a bilingual edu-

cation questioned their own identities all through their lives. They were not equipped, in her opinion, to make artistic contributions.

Dr. Goldbloom disagreed, saying that there were many examples of people who had thoroughly mastered more than one language. He cited one medical source which recommended that languages be acquired at a very young age.

While giving priority to the French language "at least officially," Dr. Goldbloom recognized English as the language of international commerce and thus "a reality of life" for the Quebecois. He said he felt strange making such a statement in a Francophone meeting, especially as many injustices concerning the lack of the use of French in the province had yet to be corrected.

The Liberal candidate said



Victor Goldbloom

he regretted that the ever-increasing use of English on the international level detracted from the importance of French in the province. It was such practical issues and not legislation, which were the deciding factors in the use of a language, he explained.

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Voice of Youth

By YAACOV HONIG

From the minute the shofar sounded to mark the termination of Yom Kippur services, Jewish youth in Toronto began organizing their members towards the cause of aiding Israel in its time of need.

United Synagogue Youth held a teach-in last week in the Beth David Synagogue to inform their members of the critical situation. They have since been on a solidarity campaign to sell buttons and bumper stickers with proceeds being donated to the Israel Emergency Fund.

NCSYers have been canvassing door to door, encouraging people to buy more Israel Bonds and have thus far raised over \$10,000. Betar, BBYO, Young Judea and Dror have held similar campaigns, raising thousands of dollars for the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers.

Both Young Judea and Bnei Akiva have relocated their out-of-town weekend programs to Toronto so that the funds designated for transportation could be forwarded to the Israel Emergency Fund.

The city-wide rally, held at the Royal York Hotel two weeks ago, drew teenagers by the hundreds. The rally last Saturday night at City Hall, traditionally held for Soviet Jewry, this year emphasized Toronto Jewry's solidarity with Israel, as well.

Aside from all the fund raising projects being undertaken, several Jewish teenagers and young adults have volunteered their services to the many kibbutzim that have been left unattended as a result of the recent hostilities. Steve Kornberg and Judy Applebaum are but two of the hundreds of North Americans who have departed to Israel to pick cotton and milk cows. While these may seem like menial tasks to us urbanites, we must understand that Israel is greatly dependent on its agricultural produce, both for its domestic consumption and for its foreign currency.

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Ottawa congregation moves into new era

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The Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah was the closing one at the Murray St. shul. It was a bittersweet occasion, with both old and young lamenting the unavoidable

need to leave the pristine beauty of the shul on Murray St., and at the same time looking positively and with anticipation to the new horizons for the synagogue in Alta Vista.

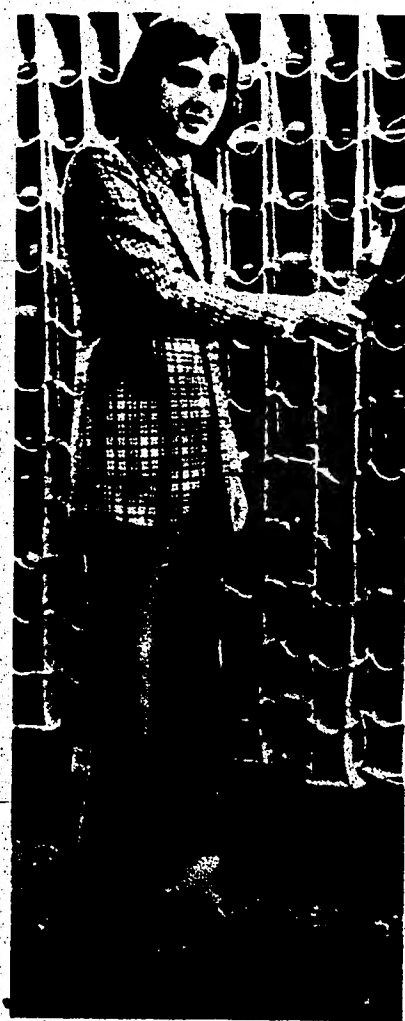
Services concluded with the closing of the ark, in which the two oldest members of the shul, Label Steinberg and Harry Pleet, were escorted by the president and parnass, Saul Saslove and Max Nadolny, respectively, to close the Aron Kodesh.

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Critic cites examples of media hostility

comment

By RICK KARDONNE

The latest war (which I sincerely hope has ended victoriously for us by the time this article appears) has again demonstrated that

the local mainstream media is at best coldly neutral and too often openly hostile to us. Examples of this hostility about:

On Oct. 6, CBC-TV substituted Exodus as the late night movie with Joan of Arc. During the 6 p.m. news earlier that evening an interview with military expert John Gellner was mysteriously blacked out just when he stated that Israel had the strategic advantage. On Sun-

day, during the 2 p.m. news on CKEY, the newscaster compared Israel's armored strategy on the Suez front to "the Nazi pincer tactics." At 10:05 a.m. Oct. 9, also on CKEY, Pierre Berton callously stated that "eventually, the Arabs will drive Israel into the sea," continuing on a vehement anti-Israel diatribe while Charles Templeton offered only a mildly apologetic counter-argument.

All of this means that we as Jews must proudly proclaim our own presence through our own media programs. Several weeks ago, I discussed Jewish radio in Toronto; now I will discuss Jewish TV.

The two Toronto Jewish TV programs, Mosaic on CITY and Shalom on Metro Cable, are better in quality than either the inadequate Yuchman radioprograms or their soulessly academic American Jewish TV counterparts.

Mosaic is becoming a warm Yiddishkeit half-hour weekly, both informative and entertaining, especially when it deals with the early history of Toronto and Canadian Jewry. Much of this is due to the extensive Jewish knowledge of producer Leon Weinstein. Host Malka Himel is becoming more articulate. I only wish that this season, Mosaic will spotlight the Sephardim (until now it hasn't), plus provide a much more relevant and gritty approach to the major issues that face world Jewry in this crucial time, both in Israel and the Diaspora.

Shalom's heart and soul are in the right place but it could be doing a lot more substantively. Its prime purpose should be to present the totality of Israel to a Toronto audience. It should be featuring all of the latest news regarding Israel's film scene, theatre, art, music, literature, etc. plus relay latest developments regarding Israel's economy, social issues, aliyah, absorption and anything else along these

lines. I hope Shalom will take this advice; its potential is very great indeed.

However, face it: Both Channel 79 and Metro Cable have limited audiences. What we need is a voice of our own on a major standard band TV channel. Last year, around this time, CFTO-TV (Channel 9), the largest audience TV station in Canada, offered us a Sunday morning slot for a Jewish program.

Unfortunately, the offer fell through due to lack of

sponsorship from our own community. We cannot afford to lose such precious opportunities to make ourselves seen and heard on such a major TV station; we must support a program that will be an authentically Jewish point of view. We must reply to the pro-Arab media apologists loud and clear. I hope that CFTO-TV will again make such time available and that this time we will be able to suitably respond to this challenge.

Never-bitter Levenson contrasts old and new

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

In One Era And Out The Other by Sam Levenson

Humor is a very serious thing. We must commiserate with the professional humorist who must churn out his "stuff" on demand. Sam Levenson, however, always seems to be having a good time.

When you see him on TV he can hardly wait to laugh at his own jokes. His material flows so copiously and effortlessly out of his own experiences - it is presented in so disarming and insouciant a manner - that it is hard to picture him as a creative sufferer.

Moreover, "good old Sam" is never bitter or mordant, never hits below the belt or leaves a track of innuendos or double-entendres behind him. No, his is the way of sentiment and nostalgia, the often visible contrast between the old way of life and the new, and the corn-syrup and schmaltz that oozes out of ethnic cupboards.

In One Era And Out The Other is supposed to be about the generation gap, but almost every theme, subject, problem - old and new - is grist for the author's mill. People over 50 will find the material wise as well as funny; for them Levenson will prove a merry sage. Those under 30 will probably regard it as tedious and overbearing. Those in between will suffer pangs of frustration and uncertainty.

But Levenson must speak for himself. On the subject of the diminished penny: "The truth is that pennies are hardly worth pinching. The only thing you can still get for a penny is your incorrect weight. A penny for

your thoughts' is now \$50 an-hour with the psychoanalyst, for the very same thoughts. Penny banks sell for \$1.80 and take only dimes. An apple a day costs more than calling the doctor. And if the doctor tells you you're sound as a dollar, you're really in trouble. The way things are going, the only thing I will have left for a rainy day is my arthritis."

In dealing with the highly personal problem of heartburn the author avers: "It is not a disease; it is a breathtaking experience. Despite much malicious propaganda, it is regarded by those of us who have been on intimate terms with it as a major source of unquenchable sense memories. Unless you can recall that middle of the night when the gush of cold seltzer hit the flame in your gut, you can lay no claim to familiarity with psychedelic phenomena."

Who can understand the peculiar psychology of mothers? "All mothers wanted their children to get married, but they set up a different timetable for each sex. Sons were always asked, 'What's your rush?' and daughters, 'What are you waiting for?'"

Mothers never said they didn't like the girl. I like that girl, Julius. She's a nice girl, a good girl, a sweet girl, a darling girl, but not for you. There are millions of girls who are

for you. She's not one of them."

Levenson isn't happy with the modern movie which has taken all the mystery out of sex. "In the old movies intimations of intimacy were handled with the greatest subtlety. It was implied, insinuated, suggested, innuendoed, but never shown. We got to know the signs though. If a couple went into the woods and birds began flying madly in circles, that was 'it'; a bee drawing honey out of a flower was 'it'; two cigarettes left to burn out in an ashtray was 'it'; also a victrola record that kept playing in the last groove was 'it'."

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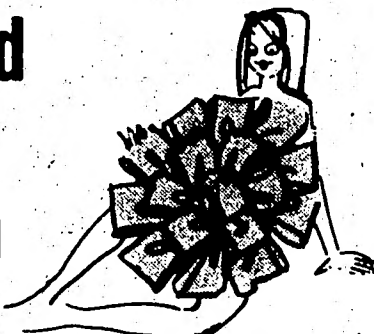
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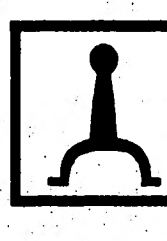
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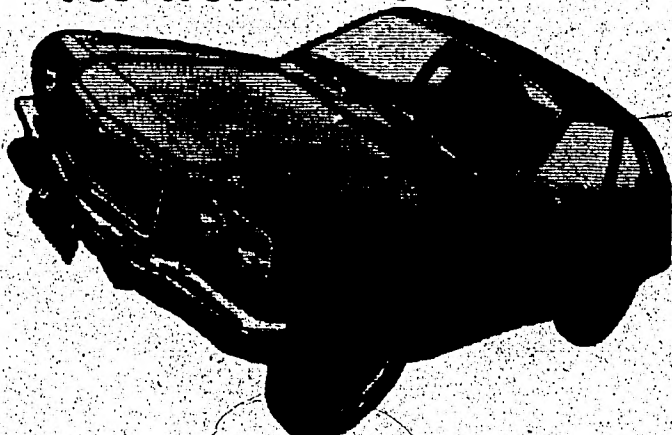
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Artist Roslyn Cohen meticulously works on copper enameled work in her studio. Producing an enameled piece involves working with acids to clean the copper, mixing colors and calculating fire temperatures. She is a master of the technique. (G. Hox photo)

Awareness ups appreciation of Cohen's enameled work

art

By PAULA DAVID

Roslyn Cohen is a relatively new name to the Toronto art scene, but likely one that will begin to crop up more within the near future. As well as a skilled and meticulous craftsman, she is a creative and innovative artist, working and developing a medium, that unfortunately, does not appear too often in Toronto.

She works strictly with enamels on copper, not in the common context of jewelry, ashtrays and other camp-crafts, but as a fine artist concerned with the complicated aspects of pictorial art. Enamels are treated both in quantity and approach in the manner of paints, and it is the combined dynamic of style and medium that makes Cohen's work so successful.

The works vary in size from 4"x6" to 12"x16", and at no time does one feel that expression is hindered by the physical limitations that enamelling can present. In fact, the small size that runs contrary to the common trend of contemporary art, adds to the precious quality of each piece.

An understanding of the meticulous technique that copper enamelling involves, heightens one's awareness of what Cohen is attempting, and the extent of her achievement when viewing the end product. Copper enamelling very basically, is a process whereby minute grains of colored glass are fused onto a prepared base of copper to form a design.

Refining and actually producing an enameled piece is a much more complicated process that involves working with acids to clean the copper, mixing colors, calculating fire temperatures etc., and it is for these reasons that most copper enamelling is done on a very small scale.

She is one of the few artists in Toronto who uses this medium on the pictorial level, and it is her obvious mastery of the technique that enables her usually slightly abstracted compositions to stand on their own. She graduated from L'atelier Claude Berube in Montreal, the only school in Canada that specializes in the art of enamelling. A one woman show at La Chasse Galerie, and participation in group shows at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and the St. Lawrence Centre were very successful, and firmly established her with the Toronto public.

She is also an enthusiastic teacher of her art at La Chasse Galerie, as well as giving copper enamelling demonstrations. It is this energy and dedication to the exploration of a time-honored craft, that makes her work relevant and exciting by 20th century standards.

Cohen's palette is not limited, but always discriminating, and her dynamic

color combinations are further enhanced by their translucent properties and carefully-built-up glazes.

After spending some time visiting her home studio, I found Roslyn Cohen to be a committed, as well as individualistic, artist. As a wife, mother of two children, homemaker, teacher and a woman active in community development, she is still able to arrange her time so her art can be elevated past the realm of hobby into that of vocation. She takes herself and her art seriously, and I feel that this is reflected in the standard of her work. An element of exploration and development is obvious, and it is an intriguing opportunity to view a very ordered progression.

Cohen will open a one-woman show at the Evans Gallery and will be available to meet the public on Saturday, Oct. 20 between 1 - 5 p.m. She is exhibiting 12 pieces, all relief mounted and simply framed. Most of the works are on black velvet which provides a flat, rich and non-distracting foil for the mirror-like glow of the enamel. The collection is the type that will be exciting as well as educational to view, and the content should appeal to all tastes, from the conservative to the modernist. Roslyn Cohen's work will remain at the Evans Gallery until Nov. 4.

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Giving up of format underscores obvious

theatre

By FRANK MICHAEL

The CBC's recent firing of Music Machine's entire comedy-writing staff, merely underscores the obvious: Canadian humor is no laughing matter.

The CBC has prudently and mercifully abandoned the comedy format so pitifully abused in past seasons by the likes of Boliska, Hamel and their respective "bags"; Wayne and Schuster have taken to hanging around gas stations; and Hart Pomerantz has forsaken the beaver for the bar.

In all, the situation is serious enough to warrant a Royal Commission on Comedy, followed by creation of a Canadian Comedy Development Corporation.

Lurking behind this obvious dearth of talent and material is the sinister, suitably dour suspicion that "Canadian" humor does not exist. Where is the Canadian counterpart to British understatement, American hyperbole, Jewish logic, Slavic gallows humor? The consummate Canadian joke seems to be the impossibility of defining or characterizing things "Canadian".

The Group of Seven and the Case of the Glowing Pine is a new cabaret show playing at the Poor Alex, a series of seven sketches slavishly fashioned from this single jest. As a case-study in Canadian humor the production proves timely, instructive, and, well, very "Canadian" in one sense of the word.

That any form of theatrical endeavor should play the cramped, underlit, positively primitive and very poor indeed-Alex is a dubious proposition. That a cabaret show should do so is preposterous! Cabaret, in the best European tradition, is a product of the cafe and restaurant; its nature, its very ambience suggest the tilted head, the raised glass, the full belly and a table of friends.

How uniquely English-Canadian, then, to stage cabaret in the dark, dreary, puritanical confines of an LCBO detention centre minus its liquid amenities! How much in keeping with the evangelism of the garrison-mentality Northrop Frye ascribes to English-Canada to paper the audience with self-serving reviews before the performance! How incompatible with the convivial spirit of cabaret.

But, wait! Young Bill Peters and John McAndrews,

penitent expatriates fresh from Yale Drama School, have, with the help of two American school-chums (Jim Burt and Joe Grifasi), returned home to apply Yankee know-how to the task of writing, directing, acting and staging a very deliberate, consciously-Canadian show. And neatness counts, doesn't it?

Any school-boy asked to list seven clichés of English-Canada could rattle-off the following by rote: Mounties, Rosemarie, Group of Seven, CBC, Normandy, Dieppe, the very word "Canuck" itself. Predictably, all seven are present and accounted for in the Group of Seven exercises.

Unpredictably, most of the sketches are well-written and well-constructed, some are well-staged, and one or two are even well-executed. Paul-Emile Frappier has the purposeful energy, expressive face, and latent-lunacy of a Zero Mostel. Jim Burt is versatile, employs creative and detailed mannerisms, underplays effective-

ly and knows that the secret of good stage-dialect is intonation rather than accent (a secret he has yet to share with Fiona Reid, the cast's main liability).

The naive is basically that of conception rather than construction. The motifs are neither funny, nor nostalgic, nor successfully "Canadian" for cosmopolitan Toronto, 50% of which is inhabited by people whose cultural origins are neither Anglo-Saxon nor French. Their appeal is strictly to the crumbling, old-order of Royal Canadians, the true "colonials". They evoke the bland, perfunctory laughter of the middle-brows from Rosedale. They are "Canadian" in a very parochial sense of the word.

The Group of Seven and the Case of the Glowing Pine despite some of the literate, observant parody implied by its very title (the take-offs on the CBC), is ultimately self-parody, and could easily have been written by the very group it both satirizes and seeks to save us from - CBC staff-writers.



John McAndrew (left) and Bill Peters perform in sketch from The Group of Seven and The Case of The Glowing Pine, a cabaret show now playing at the Poor Alex Theatre.

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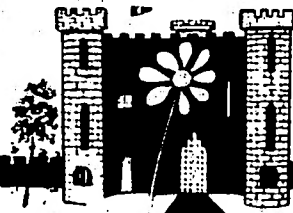
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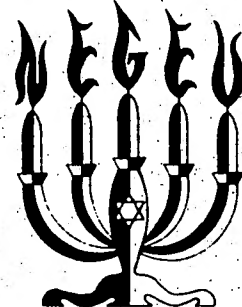
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Hecht attacks peace plan, 'will cause more warfare'

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

The Canadian head of the United Israel Appeal struck out against the U.S.-Soviet peace plan on Monday saying a lasting solution has not been achieved and will only cause further hostilities in the area.

"The ceasefire resolution as it presently reads and which has been approved by the Security Council is merely a return to the problems of Resolution 242," said Thomas Hecht, the UIA president.

Resolution 242 came into existence following the Six Day War and its purpose was to bring about a lasting peace, Hecht said.

The Arabs interpret the resolution to mean a withdrawal from all territories gained by Israel in the '67 war, while the Jewish state maintains that it will withdraw only from certain territories in order to safeguard the state "within secure and recognized boundaries."

The Appeal leader asserts

that Resolution 242 contributed in part, to the current hostilities, and that it failed to sustain a lasting peace. Observers had hoped the latest outbreak would culminate in a peace treaty that would bring an end to the continuous warfare that has plagued Israel.

Hecht believes the Arab countries are interpreting the war as "a tremendous victory," a victory that will result in a vindictive attitude and cause further unrest in the area.

The noted political scientist and businessman told The Canadian Jewish News that

union leader has been Canadian vice-president of the international union of the millinery industry since 1935.

Silcoff is also vice-president of the Jewish Labor Committee of Canada. He was active in arranging for jobs in millinery factories in Canada for displaced persons after World War II.

Silcoff disagrees with many of the tactics employed by the leaders of the Quebec Federation of Labour.

Confrontation with the government can only be detrimental to the interests of organized labor.

Silcoff commented: "It is unfortunate that there is a trend today in Quebec to mix narrow-minded nationalism into union affairs. However, I am confident that a more mature and reasoned attitude will be developed."

He emphasized the importance of the work of the

United Council for Human Rights of which Louis LaBerge, QFL leader, is president. Silcoff said: "Quebec has to catch up with the other provinces in this respect as we have yet to institute our own Human Rights Commission."

Silcoff predicted Jewish union members would repeat their 1967 effort and pledge a week's pay to this year's Israel Emergency Fund.

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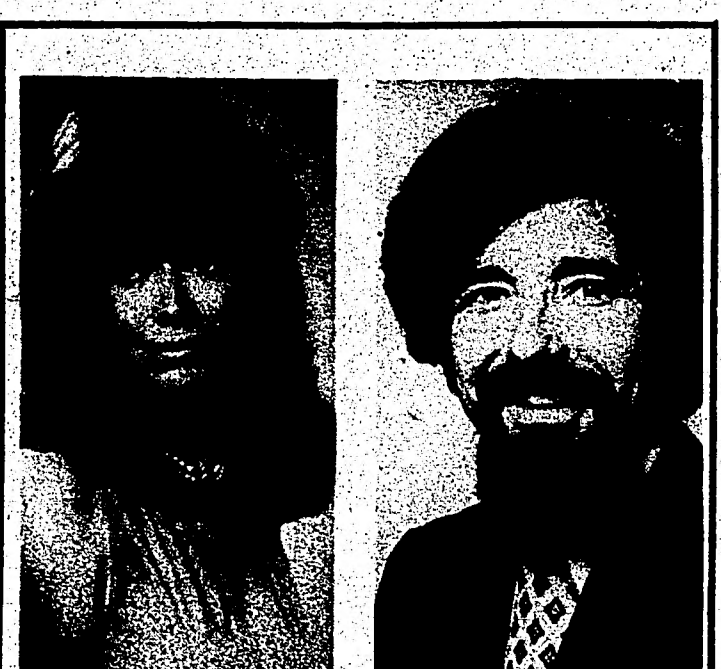
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These two young people will receive leadership development awards at the Toronto United Jewish Welfare Fund annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 1 at Beth Tzedec. Patricia Lynn Appleton is now serving her second year as chairman of the UIA young women's division. Michael O. Benjamin is on the executive of the Young Leadership Council and serves on the UIJWF finance committee.

Unions shouldn't be used for politics: Silcoff

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL -

The pro-separatist, anti-Israeli views of some Quebec labor leaders do not always reflect the opinions of the rank and file union members, according to Maurice Silcoff, manager and Canadian vice-president of the United Hatters' Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union.

"Trade unions should not be used to further political aspirations. Their prime purpose is to further the economic and social interests of workers within the structure of society," explained Silcoff.

Silcoff was born in Dublin, Ireland, the son of Jewish immigrants who had fled from Eastern Europe. He started working in a hat factory at the age of 11 and there became involved in union activities. The lively

bec Federation of Labour: "Confrontation with the government can only be detrimental to the interests of organized labor."

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Wealth of material preserved by archivist Speisman will provide link to past

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO - The name Arthur Wellington Hart means nothing to the vast majority of Torontonians. But the name is of utmost significance to Stephen Speisman, the first archivist for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. Speisman explains that Hart arrived in Toronto in the 1830s making him the first Jew to reside here.

In his role as archivist, Speisman does more than just identify people and documents. He is also beginning to advise organizations as to the best method to store and catalogue their material, taking into consideration the proper types of cases and room temperature to preserve such documents.

"Eventually," he told The Canadian Jewish News, "we hope to have a uniform system of classification so that we can co-ordinate with

other organizations such as the Jewish Public Library in Montreal and the Public Archives of Canada."

He regrets that such a system had not been set up long ago, for, much valuable information on the history of Jews in Toronto has long since been destroyed. Nevertheless, Speisman

contends that there is still a wealth of information to uncover.

Most of the old material is in Yiddish, although he has found that some of the early material, like that in Adath Israel synagogue, is in the Rumanian language, but written in Yiddish characters. Other material might

be in Russian or English, but also written in Yiddish characters.

The refined, bearded archivist goes on to state, "Archives should not just consist of information gathered from the past." He notes that all the material of today will have historical significance in the future and

thus the need to preserve them.

The archives committee of the CJC, under the chairmanship of Victor Sefton, who is also president of the Toronto Jewish Historical Society, eventually hopes that there will be a permanent site in Toronto for the compilation of Jewish historical material of Ontario, wherein researchers and the curious public can receive information. "The establishment of the archives of the CJC," Speisman says, "is the first step to try to save what's left, so future generations will have some concrete link with the past."

He feels that one of the best congregational attempts to preserve and compile material is Holy Blossom Temple. He gives much of the credit for this to the pioneering efforts of Dr. David Eisen.

Speisman's archivist role compliments his academic



Stephen Speisman

pursuits. He is presently working toward a Ph.D. in the department of history at the University of Toronto. His dissertation, which will probably be completed next year, is based on the history of Jews in Toronto to 1937. To his knowledge, it is the

first doctoral dissertation in Jewish history to be approved at the U. of T.

He explains that his interest in "this whole area stemmed from my being a Torontonian and frequently going with my late father on Sunday mornings to the downtown area to attend meetings."

Then one day in 1965, he took a brownie camera he had received years before for his bar mitzvah and set about taking pictures of Jewish buildings in the downtown area. He explains his reasoning: "As demographic changes took place, these structures were knocked down one by one and I felt that at least someone should take a picture of them."

It was Professor Gerald Craig, one of the University of Toronto's foremost historians in American domestic history (under whom Speisman did his master's

and is now doing his doctorate) who encouraged him to channel his picture taking hobby into the more formal state of a dissertation.

Despite his busy schedule, Speisman still finds time, not only to attend services at the Hebrew Men of Eng-

land synagogue with his medical librarian wife, Leila but also to help conduct services there during the High Holy days. He also finds the time to teach in the congregational school of Adath Israel Synagogue.

A special gift for Israel

By MOURA WOLPERT

CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON - Haim Grinspan celebrated his 65th birthday Thanksgiving Day. But this year his wife did not give him a present. Instead, Mrs. Grinspan gave all her carefully saved money for Israel.

Zipora Grinspan looks after the snack bar at the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre. Her husband is a

bartender at a local hotel.

From the moment Yom Kippur ended, Mrs. Grinspan has spent every available moment by the telephone, trying to place a call to Israel, waiting for the phone to ring.

As Hamilton's community pours into Adas Israel Synagogue for the emergency meeting called in support of Israel, Mrs. Grinspan tries to convey her feelings.

She is close to tears and her English is poor but the words follow one another rapidly as she tells of her family in Israel. Her daughter, her son, six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews - "all, all are in Israel."

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